



# The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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**Welcome to the new co-ordinators of Jeremiah's Café  
Helen Rogers (left) and Helen Howe (right)**

See also page 7

## Letter from the Editor

The end of September brought church celebrations of the harvest – with services inside the churches and joyful singing allowed at last. There have been several happy baptisms to welcome new arrivals into the church (pages 4, 5, 16). Love Abington continues to offer a range of support services and has set up a food pantry in Great Abington church that offers fresh produce to residents (page 6).

The popular Advent Windows will be organised in December and a reference is given to the online location of pictures of the last such venture, which brings great good cheer at a dark and chilly time of year (see page 5).

Remember the Abington 10K and 2K Fun Run which will take place on Sunday 3 October and is the major fundraising event for the local school (page 15).

The annual British Legion Poppy Appeal doorstep collections will be made from 30 October to 14 November (page 4).

The Abington parish councils offer a hire scheme for e-bikes and remind everyone of the need to trim back trees and bushes which overhang pavements (pages 13, 14). The Hildersham PC welcomes David Mercer as a new councillor and provides updates on planning, the A1307 and a new Recreation Ground and Field Garden Trusts committee (pages 16, 17).

The voucher scheme, which has been pursued with hopes of much improved broadband speeds, has been 'paused' because schemes planned by government and Openreach could offer alternatives. But after how long a delay, I wonder (page 15).

Diary events for October are listed on page 10 and all depend on volunteers for their inspiration and organisation. Jeremiah's Café has been a great boon for the villages for years and warmest thanks are recorded to Gaynor and Gill who have run this enterprise successfully (page 7). Now we welcome two new co-ordinators for the café, Helen Howe and Helen Rogers, and wish them a happy experience based on excellent support from residents (see cover photo).

It is disturbing to record that recently, in our usually crime-free villages, there have been several thefts of catalytic converters and a daytime burglary in Abington. We need to be vigilant.

We nearly had a repetition on 14 September of the July floods but escaped with less impact this time. Everything has been growing apace after the rain and many warm days. There may yet be some summer warmth to come, although British Summer Time ends on 31 October. The best thing about that is that the clocks go BACK one hour. To help keep us warm at a good price, Rod will be placing a community oil order at the end of September (page 6).

Valerie Silvey

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## From the Seven Churches

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to harvest festivals in our churches. Harvest festivals in this country are usually traced back to the 1840s when the church responded to the many 'Harvest Home celebrations' by including an annual harvest thanksgiving service on the first Sunday of October, often accompanied by bringing to church gifts of fresh produce and other foodstuffs.

Nowadays our harvest festivals in church are usually celebrated sometime in early-mid autumn and are times when we give thanks for the many gifts of God and seek to be generous in Christ's name. During our harvest festivals this year we will be asking for donations of non-perishable food towards the foodbank run by Reach in Haverhill, though this is something we can support throughout the year. Alongside this, we are mindful there are a number of current initiatives, in our communities and beyond, supporting refugees from Afghanistan and we hope to support these as well.

We have also been focusing on a theme of giving thanks in our children's and youth groups. In addition to the children's activities during our 10.30am Sunday services, we now have a youth group for school years 4–7 which meets once a month at 6.30pm on a Tuesday, as well as a Children's Church Council which meets once a month at 5pm on a Friday. Please let me know by emailing me at [mccoll.iain@gmail.com](mailto:mccoll.iain@gmail.com) if you'd like to learn more about any of these groups or activities.

The writer Anne Lamott says her prayers may be summed up as 'Help, Thanks, Wow!' Showing gratitude and praise is central to the Christian faith and can help change us, let alone anybody else; it may also transform a sense of ethical duty into the work of grateful hands and hearts. Harvest thanksgiving, then, can be a reminder that a daily practice of gratitude and praise may charge our lives with greater meaning, joy and wonder, as well as moving us to serve those in need.

Revd Iain McColl

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### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2021

This year's appeal runs from Saturday 30 October until Remembrance Sunday, 14 November.

All donations are welcome when collectors call at your home.

More collectors are needed this year, so if you feel you can give 2–3 hours during the collecting period, then please do call or email

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## News from the Pews

Great Abington church continues with a unique trail of baptisms, indeed, two were held in one weekend (18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September). We were delighted to baptise twins Louis and Harrison from Great Abington, as looking back in the Register of Baptisms to 1892, there has only been one other set of twins baptised in this church and this took place in 1982, Francesca and Heidi. Louis and Harrison's parents (Grant and Jo) have donated a ciborium\* to the church in celebration of the twins' baptism. The PCC extend their grateful thanks for this gift. (\*Ciborium is a lidded goblet-shaped vessel to hold sacramental wafers for Holy Communion).

Our harvest service took place at the end of September where once again we were allowed to sing, and so sing with gusto the congregation did! Following the service, the stone, which was placed over the burial of remains found during the church extension, was blessed.

**Special Forthcoming Dates to Note: Advent Windows** are back on the calendar for this December. If you wish to take part please contact Anne Hall, [anneandglynhall@gmail.com](mailto:anneandglynhall@gmail.com) for further details. We appreciate that people new to our community may not be aware of this event, which takes place every other year, so, by browsing the following, you will hopefully be inspired and wish to take part. <https://www.flickr.com/gp/peterjeb/rV98Ta>

The second date to note is our annual **Christmas Fair** on Saturday 27 November which is held in the Village Institute. We would really appreciate help at this event, so please contact one of the churchwardens if you are able to join the team.

**Baptisms** On Saturday 18 September the baptism of Grant and Joanna Sharman's twins Louis Frederick and Harrison Thomas took place in Great Abington church. A happy occasion celebrated with family and friends. We welcome Louis and Frederick into the family of the church and into the community.

On Sunday 19 September baby Olivia Rose was baptised in Great Abington church. Olivia's parents Lee and Rebecca were joined by family and friends for the happy occasion. We welcome Olivia into the family of the church.

Anne Hall

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD is going ahead again this year 2021**

The villages have supported this venture so well over the years. Hopefully this will be repeated this year. In 2020 nearly 9 million boxes were sent to many parts of the world. This was amazing considering the restrictions both here and in other countries. Thank you very much.

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

Collection week is 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November. You can get your own shoebox and cover it, or I have a limited number of flat pack ones, also leaflets. There are three age groups 2–4yrs, 5–9yrs, 10–14yrs, boys or girls. (See page 6 of September News)

Please contact me on 893 232/077 5046921 or [jane.furlow@gmail.com](mailto:jane.furlow@gmail.com)  
Or go to the web link  
<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

## **Love Abington Update**

The Love Abington team is continuing to work on the library and community Food Pantry, both of which are moving to the centrally located Great Abington church, which is open every day. In the meantime, while we source shelving and make the preparations, don't forget you can still access books and jigsaws in the popular Love Abington 'Hutch' library at the entrance of Little Abington church.

The Food Pantry is already operational in the porch; big thanks to Norma and Patsy and the allotment holders and keen gardeners for their fresh produce donations and the many others who are placing other household items in the basket located in the porch. The project aims to make a positive impact on the environment by sharing resources and minimising waste. All are deeply welcome to participate either by collecting items or making donations. This is an exciting project for the village, especially as it has given us something positive from the pandemic. If you would like to be involved, please do email [loveabington@gmail.com](mailto:loveabington@gmail.com)

## **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 440 102. 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**

If you are short of food, please get in touch and we can arrange delivery. Please contact: David 01223 892 364, Bernie 01223 892 647 or email: [Loveabington@gmail.com](mailto:Loveabington@gmail.com)

## **Street Coordinators**

If you would like to be in touch with your street coordinator to offer help or if you are in need don't hesitate to get in touch with them directly or email [loveabington@gmail.com](mailto:loveabington@gmail.com)

Every blessing and warmest wishes,  
The Love Abington Team

**Abington Community Oil Club** – Rod will take orders for heating oil from 24 to 30 SEPTEMBER, with expected delivery in the second week of OCTOBER. Please provide Rod with 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.

### **WARNING! Theft of catalytic converters**

Residents should be aware that there have been a number of recent incidents locally of catalytic converters being stolen from cars.  
Please report any suspicious activity to the police.

## ***The Abingtons and Hildersham 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.

### Flu clinics

You may have seen in the news that some scheduled flu vaccine deliveries could be delayed.

If your appointment is affected we will contact you to rearrange. If you do not hear from us, then please assume that your existing appointment is going ahead.

### Face coverings

Please note that face coverings must be worn when entering any Granta building, unless you are exempt. This is to protect our vulnerable patients and also to protect our staff and our community.

### Covid symptoms

If you are experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms, please do not come into any of our surgeries. Instead, stay at home and ring 119/go online to [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) to arrange for a PCR test.

If you have any questions you can call us on 0300 234 5555 or visit our website [www.grantamedicalpractices.co.uk](http://www.grantamedicalpractices.co.uk) .

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### Café stalwarts bow out

After running Jeremiah's Café for seven years, Gaynor Farrant and Gill Smith are stepping down from their lead role. "We've had an enjoyable and occasionally challenging time keeping the Café running", they say, "but now that restrictions are easing after lockdown it seems a good time to hand over to a new team after doing our stint.

"We've always believed that the Café is a valued village asset, providing a place where residents and their guests, young and old, can meet and enjoy fresh food and hot drinks in convivial surroundings. Being able to provide this service has made all our efforts worthwhile, and we know from our regulars how much it's appreciated.

"Now it's time to wish all the best to Helen Howe and Helen Rogers who will be running the Café in future, with Robin Harman continuing to run the Thursday openings. And of course we shall still be around taking our turn working in the Café and look forward to seeing old friends and new."

Readers should know that the Café opening hours remain:

Thursdays 11.30am to 1.30pm (except Village Lunch days)

Saturdays 10.00am to 12 noon

If you haven't visited the Café lately why not go and try the freshly cooked snacks or delicious home-made cakes and scones, with a hot drink of your choice.

You're sure to find a friendly welcome.

See cover photo of the new Café co-ordinators.



# County and District Council District and County Councillors' Report – September 2021

## Call for Sites

The District Council has now released its much awaited 'short-list' of parcels of land in South Cambridgeshire that they believe have planning merit and will be taken forward to the next stage of the process. This short-list was derived from a much longer list of sites put forward by potential developers and landowners earlier this year.

The outcome is that **NONE** of the parcels of land in our area is being taken forward by South Cambs, as their policy, which has been kept, is to PROTECT OUR VILLAGES and concentrate the major development into existing and forthcoming settlements, such as Cambourne, Northstowe, Waterbeach, Bourn Airfield, etc..

We anticipate that this news will largely be taken positively by those living here but appreciate that some housing needs to be permitted to allow for growth in the District. However, the overwhelming feedback that we have received is that this should be, as it has been, concentrated into the towns in our area, which have the infrastructure to cope better with the increase and keep our villages as villages.

A thank you to all those who have had an input into the process so far but there will be further public consultation on these short-listed sites, should anyone wish to make further comment.

Full site listings can be seen at - <https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/localplan>

## New Business Growth Fund

The District Council has launched a new fund that businesses looking to grow and expand can now apply for. It's aptly called the 'Growth Fund' and between £1,000 and £50,000 can be applied for at one time. Full eligibility criteria can be found at - <https://www.scams.gov.uk/business/business-support-and-advice/growth-fund-grant-scheme> or by email [openforbusiness@scams.gov.uk](mailto:openforbusiness@scams.gov.uk)

## Flooding

We reported last month that the issues surrounding the aftermath of the extensive flooding back in July were being investigated by the various bodies involved – the District Council, County Council, Anglian Water, and the housing developers of the Horseheath Road site. Discussions between all of these parties are still ongoing to seek a viable solution, both in the short and long terms. There are clearly varying levels of responsibility for flooding between these various parties and that is what is being discussed. The local residents who have been terribly affected have been hugely helpful in this process, at a time that is of great difficulty to them personally.

## Visit South Cambs – Business Listings

South Cambs. has launched a new business directory of businesses in the District. This is to try to boost local commerce now that we are coming out of Covid restrictions. Any viable, independent, business in South Cambridgeshire can apply to be listed on the website. It is essentially free advertising! - <https://www.visitsouthcambs.co.uk/>

## Chief Executive

The County Council is going through the recruitment process for a new Chief Executive, as the current one is retiring. The process has begun but if anyone knows any suitable candidates, just let Henry know!

## Civil Parking Enforcement

There is an item on the September meeting of the Highways Committee at the County Council relating to parking enforcement. Currently parking enforcement (ticketing) is the responsibility of the Police. The County Council is looking to write to the Secretary of State to request that it is allowed to explore carrying this out themselves and actually put some

money and momentum behind it. Currently the police, understandably, can't prioritise parking enforcement over other policing.

### **Six Free Trees**

You may remember a few years ago the District Council ran a scheme whereby they offered vouchers to parish councils for the value of three free trees that could be redeemed from local garden centres and planted on parish council land. This scheme has been rebooted but with the offering doubled to six, rather than three trees. Please do take advantage of this, if your parish council has the land to plant them.

### **Horseheath Parish Clerk**

Horseheath Parish Council are looking to recruit a clerk. Should you be interested and need any further details, please contact the Chairman, John Howard – [johnhhpc@gmail.com](mailto:johnhhpc@gmail.com)

### **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)

## **Friends of the Rosie Hospital**

We hope all our customers have enjoyed another unusual summer and remain well. The Friends of the Rosie are enthusiastic volunteers whose aim is to improve the services the hospital provides by raising money for items that the NHS does not buy.

We are featuring in an online Christmas Market via Facebook. This group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/778630486315024/?ref=share>) is where you will find our products posted, please share with your friends and family.

We are selling new items on our [rosieinstitches.org.uk](http://rosieinstitches.org.uk) website and Facebook Marketplaces and secondhand items in our rosieinstitches2010 charity store on eBay. Please email [avril@rosieinstitches.org.uk](mailto:avril@rosieinstitches.org.uk) to make an appointment to view a selection in person.

If you have been tidying another cupboard, we are still welcoming donations of craft materials. We need to find alternative storage space for the items we have for sale. If you have a garage or a shed that you are not making full use of, would you consider letting it out to our charity?

We are still unable to run our Friends of the Rosie tea bar in Clinic 21 because of Covid-19. We are unable to say when our tea bar will be able to open again as most of our volunteers are of retirement age or older. We will provide you with regular updates when we know more. We would be able to open sooner if our volunteers were younger. We also need more volunteers.

If you know of anyone who might be interested. please contact Ann Laskey ([annlaskey@icloud.com](mailto:annlaskey@icloud.com)) for more details of what would be involved.

New members are always welcome, whether to contribute financially, to join our team of knitters, provide transport for our volunteers, display a small selection of our wares or to help on the Rosie tea bar.

Contact Mary Sanders on 01223 356 615. Further details are given on our website [www.rosieinstitches.org.uk](http://www.rosieinstitches.org.uk).

Thank you for your continued support. Stay safe

Avril [avril@rosieinstitches.org.uk](mailto:avril@rosieinstitches.org.uk)"

**British Summer Time ends 31 October – clocks go BACK one hour**

## Diary for October

Date		Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Sun	3	<b>Abington 10K and 2K Fun Run – Granta Park</b>	10.30am	15
Mon	4	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group – Pre-school building</b> <b>Abington Gardening Club</b>	9.30am 7.30pm	11 10
Tue	5	<b>Art Group</b>	10.00am	
Wed	6	<b>Yoga – course and drop in</b>	9.30am	10
Thu	7	<b>Abington Walking Group</b>	9.50am	11
Mon	11	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group – Pre-school building</b> <b>Abington &amp; Hildersham WI</b>	9.30am 7.30pm	11 12
Tue	12	<b>Art Group</b> <b>Reading group</b>	10.00am 7.30pm	11
Wed	13	<b>Yoga – course and drop in</b>	9.30am	10
Mon	18	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group – Pre-school building</b> <b>Social cycling – from 1 Bourn Bridge Road</b>	9.30am 9.30am	11 11
Tue	19	<b>Art Group</b>	10.00am	
Wed	20	<b>Yoga – course and drop in</b>	9.30am	10
Sat	23	<b>Abington Walking Group</b>	9.50am	11
Mon	25	<b>Little Abington Parish Council</b>	7.15pm	13
Tue	26	<b>Art Group</b> <b>Scrabble Club</b>	10.00am 7.00pm	11
Wed	27	<b>Yoga – course and drop in</b>	9.30am	10
Sun	31	<b>BST ends – clocks go back one hour</b>		

For details of contacts please see inside back cover or articles where indicated.

**Institute bookings:** contact preferably by email: [institute@theabingtons.org.uk](mailto:institute@theabingtons.org.uk) or phone 01223 790 711

### Jeremiah's Café in Abington Village Institute

#### Opening times in October 2021

Thursday lunchtime 11.30am – 1.30pm (7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>)

Saturday mornings 10.00am – 12 noon (2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>)

**Contacts for Café –** [helenstchowe@btinternet.com](mailto:helenstchowe@btinternet.com) and [helen.rogers.uk@gmail.com](mailto:helen.rogers.uk@gmail.com)

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

Mon 4	Mon 11	Mon 18	Mon 25
Green/Blue	Black	Green/Blue	Black

### Yoga – Wednesdays 9.30am at Abington Institute

Contact Joan 890 629 or email [joangraham72@gmail.com](mailto:joangraham72@gmail.com) if you would like to drop in and try a class.

### Abington Gardening Club

There is a meeting on Monday 4 October at 7.30pm at the Institute when Peter Walker will give a talk entitled 'Gardens of East Anglia'.

New members are very welcome.

Kay Harman, Secretary

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

## Social Cycling

In September the group did a great 12.5-mile ride from Abington to Sawston, Shelford and then on to the cycle path to Addenbrookes coming out at the new crossing just beyond Granhams Lane, so not far to the pit stop at the Arthur Rank café. Having refuelled we then took on the Magog hill, which is always a challenge, and freewheeled down the other side to Babraham and home.

Our next cycle ride will be on Monday 18 October starting from 1 Bourn Bridge Road at 9.30am.

Gaynor Farrant  
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## Abington Walking Group

Your October walks are on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Look forward to seeing you all.

The September walk was to Sawston and Whittlesford where we discovered some interesting parts of the villages.

As usual we depart from the Institute at 9.50am by shared 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)



## Scrabble Club

The next meeting of the Scrabble Club will be on Tuesday 26 October at 7pm in the Institute. We will use the meeting room and can overflow into the café area to maintain a safe distance. New members very welcome

Sheena Fraser

## 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)

## Reading Group

12 October	<i>As the Women Lay Dreaming</i> Donald S Murray	Sylvia Gilmour
9 November	<i>Three Hours</i> Rosamund Lupton	Diana Wingfield
14 December	Christmas meeting	TBC

We plan to meet at 7.30pm but both time and venue are subject to change. So please check emails for the latest information and confirm attendance to the host and me.

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

[vhefford@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:vhefford@yahoo.co.uk)

Valerie Hefford

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

In September we met in the Village Institute for the first time in 18 months. We were happy to be back in the hall, but it did get a bit chilly with the doors open: remember to bring warm jackets next time!

Our guest speaker was Trevor Chapman of angli-Ear, Great Shelford, who introduced us to the world of audiology with excellent slides of the anatomy of the ear and interesting statistics about the effects of age-related hearing loss. 71% of people over 70 suffer from hearing loss, varying from mild to severe, which can give rise to feelings of frustration, embarrassment, denial, isolation and depression and increase the risk of dementia. Hearing aids can reverse neuroplasticity in the brain and improve hearing, but of 10 million people in the UK issued with aids, only 2.5 million use them regularly – they should be worn 8–10 hours each day. Trevor urged us to get an annual speech test to see how well we could hear, as early diagnosis is important and can help us to continue to enjoy our “third age”.

**Next meeting: Monday 11 October 7.30pm:** My amazing aunt and the modern hospice movement. New members and visitors very welcome.

Marilyn Broadhurst

## **Events & Activities at PPF, October 2021**

**[www.cambridgeppf.org](http://www.cambridgeppf.org) for details**

### **Hinxton Water Mill Open day**

Sun 3 Oct, 2.30—5pm. Members free/£3/£1

Tours of the watermill and “Where’s Ratty” for children.

### **Peach, Pear, Pineapple - Garden History Walk**

Wed 6 Oct, 10am –12 noon. Free (donations welcome) Gentle guided tour at Wandlebury Country Park.

### **Screening of *Stirbitch* at the Leper Chapel**

Fri 15 Oct, 7.30pm. £5/£3 on the door

A 68-minute film-poem exploring land, cultural memory and the carnivalesque through the vanished site of Stourbridge Fair.

### **Ghost Stories II at the Leper Chapel**

Sat 23 & Sun 24 Oct, 8pm. £15.

Chilling and thrilling storytelling performed by In-situ.

### **Children's Holiday Bushcraft at Wandlebury Country Park**

25-29 Oct, 8.30am – 4pm. £38 per day.

Fun and enriching outdoor activities during half-term.

### **Halloween Spooktacular at Wandlebury Country Park**

Sun 31 Oct, 4pm – 8pm. Family £24/Adult £7/Child £5

Wild Thyme & Embers spooky adventure for the whole family with ghostly tales, fiendish foods and creepy crafts.

# Little Abington Parish Council

## Recruitment of a new clerk

Genevieve Dalton will be resigning in the New Year as clerk after almost 20 years in the post. We have started the recruitment process and if the job (part-time) interests you please get in touch with our chair Sheila Bolden.

## Papworth Trust

The Trust's daycare services team has moved into 53 High Street. Their 'customers' will be based mainly in the house and grounds, but we have encouraged them to use our local facilities, to get involved in the community and to undertake some tasks around the village, the first one being the maintenance of the garden on the corner of Church Close and Church Lane.

## Gravel and overhanging branches

Occasionally gravel from drives ends up in the drainage system so please regularly sweep all gravel off the pavement and back on to your drive. And did you know that the Highways team can charge for the removal of overhanging branches that obstruct a pavement? So please trim them back before that happens.

## Meeting held in Abington Institute, Monday 13 September

### Planning decisions and updates

**21/03908/S73 43 Church Lane, Little Abington:** Variation of condition 2 (occupation of householder) of planning permission. No objections.

**21/03822/FUL Site 1, Granta Park:** R&D building with car park, landscaping and infrastructure. Concerns about height, potential noise and light pollution, the general environmental impact of such a large addition to the site, plus traffic issues and lack of cycleways or footpaths leading to Granta Park.

**21/03696/FUL Shell PFS, Fourwentways:** Formation of three additional electrical vehicle charge bays with associated equipment compound and electrical substation. Recommended approval with an enforceable condition for litter picking on and around the site.

**21/01751/FUL 44 High Street:** Change of use from office space to residential use, minor alterations and changes to internal layout. Revised application. Recommended approval.

### SCDC decisions

**21/03070/HFUL 15 Bourn Bridge Road:** Approved.

## Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Held in Abington Institute

**Next Meeting: Monday 25 October 2021, Parish Council at 7.15pm**

Sheila Bolden (Chairman)	07754 659 929	Email: <a href="mailto:sheila.bolden@btinternet.com">sheila.bolden@btinternet.com</a>
Genevieve Dalton (Clerk)	07703 486562	Email: <a href="mailto:clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk">clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk</a>

## Next meetings

Monday 25 October

Monday 22 November

Our meetings are now held face to face. If you would like to participate in person or via Zoom please contact the clerk to make arrangements. 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)

### Parish Council e-bike projects

On the weekend of 11/12 September there was a successful 'Come and Try' event based at the Institute. Many of you came along and had a short trial on an e-bike around the village.

The e-bike hire scheme, to be based at the front of the Institute, still has a few details to be finalised before the service can commence. The cost of hire is to be subsidised by 50% for the first year due to funding obtained from a SCDC, Zero Carbon Communities Grant, and is likely to cost users around 50p per hour. If you require any further information, please contact Bernie Talbot. [bernie.talbot@btinternet.com](mailto:bernie.talbot@btinternet.com)

### Emerson Park –affordable homes update

Following the article in the September issue of the *A&H News*, the Council is still awaiting the final details of the sale of the four one-bedroom homes on this site from Laragh Homes, which is responsible for the marketing. The local authority approves the allocations to ensure they meet the specified criteria. The Parish Council will signpost any local residents who might be interested to the marketing details when they become available.

### Trees and hedges

If you haven't already done so now is a good time to trim back your trees and hedges to provide a clear way for pedestrians and to avoid obscuring streetlights as the nights draw in. Thank you.

### 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 at: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/planning/view-or-comment-on-a-planning-application/>

### Parish Council recommendations

21/03572/HFUL – 15 Chalky Road – single storey extension. PC recommended approval.

21/04139/S106A Variation of Section 106 Agreement Reference: 21/04139/S106A  
Emerson Park, Linton Road

21/02242/HFUL- 22 South Road -Erection of a double garage and two storey extension to existing dwelling together with associated external works. PC requested additional information

## 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 meeting: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 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)

## Abington 10K and 2K Fun Runs

**Sunday 3 October 2021**

**Start time 10.30am, Granta Park**

The Great Abington Primary School PTFA is pleased to announce that it can run the Abington 10K and 2K Fun Run again this year.

Race details and entry forms can be obtained from our website;

[www.abington10k.com](http://www.abington10k.com)

Please be aware that Pampisford Road will be closed to traffic for the event. The closure affects the road from Granta Park roundabout to the junction of High Street, Great Abington. Diversion signs will be in place.

The Abington 10K Race Committee

## Broadband Update

The voucher scheme we were hoping to register for is being paused in Cambridgeshire because the Government is starting its [Project Gigabit](#) procurement and Cambridgeshire is in the first part of the process.

We have been informed that vouchers will be paused across the County whilst the Government decides which properties are going to be served with gigabit-capable broadband speeds under this scheme.

In addition to this Openreach's full fibre commercial rollout will be coming to the area within the next few years.

Our current understanding is that if properties are not included in Project Gigabit or planned for our commercial rollout, they should become eligible for vouchers again once the Project Gigabit procurement process is completed.

We will keep you updated with any further developments when we know more.

Rod Willcox and Jane Bowen

**British Summer Time ends 31 October – clocks go BACK one hour**

## Hildersham Focus

### Hildersham News October 2021

Holy Trinity Church was the beautiful backdrop offering both celebration and comfort at two recent village services. On Sunday 29 August, through baptism, we welcomed Harry Derek John Myer into the church community. Cathy Myer, Harry's grandmother, and other members of the wider family were unable to attend but the service was relayed to them via the internet.

On Friday 3 September, around 250 people gathered in the church and in the Old School Wood for the funeral of Ben Griggs. The funeral was live streamed to those in the wood. The unexpected warm sun served to highlight the immense warmth and love that enveloped Ben's family. Ben will be deeply missed by all those that knew him, and the family know that very many friends will be sitting gently beside them in the months and years ahead.

In preparation for the above, the PCC members have been around the church even more than usual. They have been struck by the numbers of visitors who come to explore and enjoy the building and its grounds; we are fortunate to have such an inspirational, beautiful and therapeutic place in our village. If you haven't wandered in recently, please do so, the church is open each day.

The Children's Church Council will meet again in mid-October, after the summer break. The children will gather for an insectivorous treasure hunt!



Hildersham church chancel

## Hildersham Parish Council

### Report on the Hildersham Parish Council meeting held on 14 September 2021.

The Council was delighted to co-opt a new councillor. David Mercer is a very well-established member of the village community, having lived in Hildersham for almost three decades, and will be a great addition to the Parish Council.

The District Council has short listed the sites it would like new housing to be built on, as part of the next Local Plan. The locations are concentrated in fewer sites within existing newer settlement, as well as Melbourn and Sawston. No larger developments were agreed for Linton.

The next project to continue with the A1307 upgrade is to complete work on the cycleway towards Hildersham. After Hildersham, the cycle route will go along Pampisford Road to Great Abington.

The Highway Department has sought special funding to rebuild the disintegrated path at the top of the High Street close to Back Road. The funding isn't

guaranteed, but we are hopeful because the Highway Officer had said that the path was in the poorest condition he had ever seen.

Information about the proposed copse was to be sent to the neighbours of this area of the Recreation Ground, to give people the opportunity to express their views on the project. There had been no response to the information, therefore the Council was proceeding with the project. A fencing contractor had been chosen to erect the sheep-proof and rabbit-proof post and rail fencing, ideally before the arrival of the trees in November. As there were expected to be about 140 small trees (whips) to plant, the Council hoped to involve local children and youth groups to assist with the project.

The Council had been advised to purchase a new solar light and battery unit on-line. This could supply a more powerful light at a reasonable price, and could be installed relatively easily, and at significantly lower cost, than getting the existing unit repaired by the original supplier.

The new picnic bench for the play area will arrive at the beginning of November. Once assembled, it will be installed in the Recreation Ground play area.

The first meeting of the Hildersham Recreation Ground and the Field Garden Trusts was held after the Parish Council meeting, with Mark Logan as chairman and Darren Long as the vice chairman.

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 210 582) for prescription collection and shopping.

The next meeting of Hildersham Parish Council will be on Tuesday 9 November 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)

## **The Library Presents**

The Library Presents is delighted to announce the Autumn Season of exciting arts events which will run from October to December 2021.

Back for its eighth season with a burst of exciting artistic events and activities, **The Library Presents** is returning to local venues in a colourful flurry of music, theatre, workshops, comedy and family friendly shows.

We also have fascinating online arts activities, one with Integrated BSL and audio description for d/Deaf and visually impaired audiences and all with automated or typed subtitles.

Venues are in Alconbury Weald, Arbury, Barnwell, Buckden, Cambourne, Clay Farm, Ely, Haddenham, Huntingdon, March, Sawston, St Ives, St Neots, Whittlesey and Wisbech.

Full details of the programme, along with booking information can be found at [www.library.live/the-library-presents](http://www.library.live/the-library-presents) If you would like to receive a hard copy of the brochure please email [thelibrarypresents@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:thelibrarypresents@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

## Girlguiding Linton District

Have you seen our district's social media pages on Twitter and Instagram @Linton District and like us on Facebook?



We had a really successful Linton Mystery Trail around Linton during August and we hope those of you who took part enjoyed it.

There were very few sweets left so lots of you had correct answers.

Our Guides and Rangers had an incredible weekend at Grafham, our County-organised water weekend. Sailing, windsurfing, kayaking and raft building. It was wonderful hearing the excited stories of all they had been up to.

This is my last report as DC as my term now ends. It has been a wonderful time and I have really enjoyed seeing all that we get up to as a district. If you feel you could take on this role for us, and would like a chat, please contact our County Commissioner Claire on [claire-cc@cambseastguides.org.uk](mailto:claire-cc@cambseastguides.org.uk). It would be amazing if one of our lovely readers came and joined us in the fun in the role of District Commissioner. It is a great adventure, extremely rewarding and the leading charity for girls and young women. You don't need a unit either so no regular weekly commitments. It is very much a role that works around you. There will be plenty of help to settle you in and the team you lead are amazing and extremely knowledgeable. You will get plenty of help too.

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/lintondistrict@gmail.com>

Louisa 07711 614 328

### October services inside the churches indicated (not Abingtons and Hildersham )

<b>DATE</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> October		Communion <i>Balsham</i>	
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Communion <i>Weston Colville</i> Morning Worship <i>West Wickham</i> <i>West Wrating</i>		
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Communion <i>West Wickham</i> Morning Worship <i>West Wrating</i>	Communion <i>Balsham</i>	
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Communion <i>West Wrating</i> Morning Worship <i>Weston Colville</i> <i>West Wickham</i>		Evensong <i>Balsham</i>
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Morning Worship <i>Weston Colville</i> <i>West Wickham</i>		

## Church Services for October 2021

DATE	<i>Gt. Abington</i> 	<i>Lt. Abington</i> 	<i>Hildersham</i> 	Readings
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	10.30am United	Communion 6.00pm Evensong	at Balsham	Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12 Mark 10.2-16
10 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30am United Communion			Hebrews 4.12-end Mark 10.17-31
17 <sup>th</sup> October		9.00am Morning Worship	6.00pm Evensong	Hebrews 5.1-10 Mark 10.35-45
24 <sup>th</sup> October			10.30am United Communion	Hebrews 7.23-end Mark 10.46-end
31 <sup>st</sup> October All Saints	10.30am United Communion		9.00am Communion (BCP)	Revelation 21.1-6a John 11.32-44

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

### Church Flower Rota

	<i>Gt. Abington</i>	<i>Lt. Abington</i>	<i>Hildersham</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Anne Hall	Fiona Snell	Jenny Logan
10 <sup>th</sup> October		Gill Smith & Claire Hinga	Jenny Logan
17 <sup>th</sup> October	and	Gill Smith & Claire Hinga	Jeanette Long
24 <sup>th</sup> October		Judy Davies & Kate Franklin	Jeanette Long
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Patsy Randall	Judy Davies & Kate Franklin	Muriel Crampin

### 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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