



The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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Harvest Festival at Hildersham church September 2021
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Letter from the Editor

What a relief – and what a joy – to have such a full diary of village events again. Page 10 now includes, for those relishing exercise, Low Impact Aerobics, Pilates, Table Tennis as well as yoga, walking and social cycling. Residents in the three new estates are most welcome to join the listed activities (pages 10 to 12). They are also encouraged to visit our ancient and lovely churches and to join choirs and share in seasonal Christmas services and the Christmas Fayre (pages 4, 5, 6, 16).

Harvest festival services in the Abingtons and Hildersham included gifts of non-perishable foodstuffs later distributed through the foodbank, REACH, at Haverhill (see cover page). The churches are intent on reducing food waste and will continue to use the Community Food Pantry as a means of collecting surplus fresh food to give to people who can use it. With worrying increases in food, energy, and transport costs this community support will become more and more necessary (pages 5, 16).

Congratulations to all who took part in the PTFA-organised 10K and 2K Fun Runs this year. Page 13 gives the website link at which details of the winners can be found. Warmest thanks are due to all the volunteers involved in the huge logistical effort which made this a successful event.

Cambridgeshire social services have, in recent years, taken in children seeking refuge from their war-torn homelands, most recently from Syria and Afghanistan. We are asked to buy Christmas gifts that will be packed up and taken to the children in care who would otherwise have no presents. On page 7 you will find the details.

Laragh Homes is now taking applications for four affordable homes known as First Homes, on the Emerson Park site. Details on page 15.

Helping Hands is a local service that provides transport to people needing to get to medical and other appointments. It now seeks extra volunteer drivers. Could you help? See page 17.

The Little Abington Parish Council will need a new Parish Clerk from January 2022. Could this hugely important and interesting role be for you? See details on page 14.

Many thanks to Rod Wilcox who ordered 40,000 litres of domestic heating oil for the community. That should help us keep warm. Don't forget that a programme of Covid-19 booster jabs is now on offer and vital for keeping us healthy (page 8). With rapidly rising numbers of people with Covid-19 it also seems wise to adopt the Hands, Face, Space advice that has served us well in controlling infection. Let's keep safe.

Valerie Silvey

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From the Seven Churches

When we consider that the history of our villages reaches back well before the Anglo-Saxon period, and that we are recorded in the *Domus Dei* or Domesday book, it's difficult to believe that we are the continuation of the years that came before us.

As I step out along the lanes, the fields and footpaths of our village, I discover more and more people who have recently moved in. I welcome them, and conversation is often one of shared astonishment that our place in the countryside is so beautiful – so much to be thankful for. This is often followed by a sort of 'what's on' guide to social events centred around village and church activities which are traditionally of one kind.

We have all been through difficult times of late, and many of us have come to value the quiet that our churches provide. Even if you are not sure what you believe, that sense of being still in a place where generations have gone before, can bring a wonderful sense of peace, restoration and calm. Think back to the census ordered by William the Conqueror in 1086: in the words *Domus Dei*, from the Latin "House of God", you may wonder how many hundreds of people, families and individuals have been nourished here up and down the centuries. And how, in times of relative peace, people have returned with a thankful heart.

Our church buildings have always belonged to the people of the village. They continue to be important places of prayer and support for the community. If you are a relative newcomer to one of our villages and you would like to find out what your church has to offer, I invite you to take a look at our recently launched website www.grantavale.org.uk. Here you will be able to find links to recorded Zoom services, talks and inspirational films. The 'what's on' button will lead you to information about a variety of activities, groups and details of services coming up. The church has come to serve an important need over the Covid period and many have come to value unconditional love and support. If you would like to discover more about the Christian faith, do get in touch with one of the ministry team. We're here for you. Contacts can be found in the village magazines or of course by checking out the website.

Steven Wheeler Lay minister

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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. For more information, or to volunteer as collectors, please contact Joan Nevin on 07908 029 078 or email westfield11@aol.com
Kay Harman 01223 891730 robandkayharman@gmail.com

News from the Pews

Both Great and Little Abington Churches are working in conjunction with Love Abington on the battle against climate change. Food waste creates six times more greenhouse gases than aviation. When we throw food away, we waste the resources it's taken to grow, package and transport it. As it rots in landfills, it produces methane, a greenhouse gas more potent than carbon dioxide. Please therefore consider supporting this project by bringing your unwanted food to the food box in Great Abington church porch or alternatively, take away food which you can use. This project is open to all, please do support '**The Community Food Pantry**'. The church is open daily.

The desire to take part in **Advent Windows** this year has been overwhelming. Thank you to all who have offered to take part. There are just a few windows left, please contact Patsy for Little or Anne for Great Abington (Telephone numbers on back page) if you wish to join this popular project. Programmes will be for sale in the Post Office or from Churchwardens at the end of November £3.

The **Church Christmas Fayre** will take place in the Abington Institute on the afternoon of Saturday 27 November. If you can help at this event, please contact one of the Churchwardens (details on back page) who will welcome and appreciate your help.

We are optimistic that the **Carol Service** will take place this year on Sunday 19 December in Great Abington Church.

We aim to attempt the **Abington Amble** in 2022 after a cancellation in 2020/2021 due to Covid. This successful event has taken place in our village for many years now. This time we call on Great Abington gardeners. For new residents Abington Amble invites keen gardeners in our community to open their gardens for an afternoon for all to enjoy browsing and exchanging ideas, followed by cream teas at Great Abington Church. We would sincerely welcome members of our community on the three newest estates to take part too, as this is a unique opportunity to meet one-another. Please do contact either Anne Hall or Patsy Randall (see page 20 for contact details) if you would like to take part in this project or would like further information.

Tribute to Kevin Anthill by Patsy Randall

While delivering post I have had the pleasure of meeting some very interesting and wonderful people. This gentleman was definitely one of these. He was diagnosed with MS at the age of 29 whilst living a busy and energetic life, partaking in every sport from judo and darts to diving, football and cricket. As his condition worsened he moved to Church Close in Little Abington, still able to be independent, walking with the aid of a stick and managing to drive. Life was good for a while, but as the illness progressed an electric wheelchair was needed and finally, being bedbound. Kevin then boasted that he was the best 'neighbourhood watch' Church Close had ever had as his window was his only connection he had with everyday life. Of course, he had many friends who visited regularly, always made welcome by his smile and humour when they dropped in. MS finally stole not only his ability to eat and swallow but eventually his voice, thus making communication very difficult. After moving to Eden View Care Home, Covid took him from us on 16 August 2021 aged just 63 years. Kevin's legacy was 'Take life as it comes, enjoy it, but make sure you connect and engage with everyone as we all matter, and life is too short'. Yours definitely was, Kevin. Rest in Peace.

Anne Hall

Service of Hope

There will be a Service of Hope on Tuesday 2 November at 4pm at Little Abington Church. Do come and join us.

Rosemary Mead

Ann Pallister 06/11/1935 to 26/08/2021

Ann died in Addenbrooke's Hospital on 26 August following a severe heart attack. She was one of the first to live in West Field when she moved there from North Yorkshire in 1978.

Ann was educated at Middlesbrough Girls' High School, then took a 2-year secretarial course on which she was the top student. She became Personal Secretary to a bank manager and then to the Treasurer of a large local authority. In 1965 she married Maurice and moved to a spacious house in a quiet village where she enjoyed life and made many friends.

It was a reluctant move to Abington in 1978 when Maurice's work took him to Cambridge. But Ann's determination to make a new home involved joining village activities, such as Secretary of the Abington Group, and voluntary work for charities and Meals on Wheels. She returned to two spells of professional work for medical consultants. Her many interests included music, literature, cookery and entertaining friends, travel and horse racing anywhere. Above all she valued friendships. A no fuss person she was honest, fair and genuine by nature, and determined and meticulous in standards of work. She enjoyed a very loving marriage based on mutual respect.

Her funeral on a bright sunny morning at Cam Valley Crematorium was a true celebration of life well lived and was led with great sincerity by Dr Alistair Collen. Ann is sorely missed by all who knew her.

(A tribute from Maurice Pallister)

Tribute to Janice Izzard

The family of Janice Mary Izzard would like to thank friends of Abington for their kind and thoughtful messages. Janice died on Tuesday 19 October, a week after her 82nd Birthday and following a long battle with lung cancer. Jan moved to Little Abington in 2017 from Royston and, after staying with her son Paul, moved into the newly renovated Old Bakery at 3 Church Lane. Jan was a member of the WI and enjoyed the meetings she was able to attend. She liked to greet and chat to everyone she met and enjoyed trips to Jeremiah's Café and to the shop. Jan's front door was always open on warmer days for neighbours to say 'hello' when walking by.

Funeral arrangements, with a gathering at The Abington Institute, are yet to be confirmed. Janice was much loved by her daughter Jackie, son Paul and his partner Zoë, grandsons Alex, Cameron and Fynley.

We offer sincere condolences to the families and friends of Kevin, Ann and Janice.

Church Christmas Choir 2021

Anyone who enjoys singing is invited to join the ad-hoc Christmas Choir which will contribute to the Carol Service at St Mary's, Great Abington on 19 December.

Practices will take place in Abington Primary School hall on Friday evenings, under the direction of Glenis Todd, starting on 5 November 7.00 – 8.30pm.

Please contact Glenis on 07710 494 834 or at glenistodd@gmail.com with any queries.

GLAMS Choir

Calling all female singers in the villages of Little and Great Abington and Hildersham! After a nearly two-year hiatus (thanks COVID!), GLAMS is happy to announce that the choir is re-forming under the watchful eye of Glenis Todd. Our first session together will be Wednesday 3 November from 7.30pm to 9pm at Great Abington church. £2 per person. Please come and join us for music and laughter!

Christmas Presents for Refugee and Foster Children in Cambridgeshire

After the disappointment of last year, many of us are hoping for a Christmas we can celebrate with family and friends, but many children will be facing a very different reality. Please will you spare a thought for all the children who are looked after by Cambridgeshire social services who have experienced suffering and loss this year and who will not be with their families. It is impossible to remain unmoved by the plight of those fleeing conflict in Afghanistan and Syria. Many of these children have arrived unaccompanied and are now looked after in Cambridgeshire. Your response to the appeal last year surpassed all expectation. Social services were overjoyed that each child received a present through your generosity.

The young people of Hildersham Children's Church Council, in conjunction with St Mary's Church Little Abington and Love Abington are leading this appeal to collect new Christmas presents. Joe Dunlop (i/c of unaccompanied refugee children) and Ann Weitzl from Cambridgeshire Social Services will deliver your gifts to the refugee and foster children before Christmas. Joe told me that most of the unaccompanied children are over 11 years old. They would really appreciate chocolate, gloves, scarves, toiletries, homemade jams, and art and drawing materials. They attend special English classes and they work very hard, but they are still recovering from the trauma of their experience. Joe is trying to organise swimming lessons for these children because most of them are terrified of water after their experiences.

The number of children taken into care is increasing following the pandemic. Please imagine what a child of a certain age would like. Once you have bought your gift, do not wrap it. Please put it in a gift bag with a label on the outside saying whether it is for a boy or girl and approximately what age. If it is something like colouring pencils and a sketch book, please say for a girl or boy. We are collecting presents for a wide age range, from babies yet to be born to young people of 15.

Please bring your gift to **St Mary's Church, Little Abington** or **Holy Trinity Church, Hildersham** between **1.30 and 3.30pm on Saturday 4 December** and place it in the boxes provided under the Christmas tree.

If you are unable to deliver your present on that day, please ring Rosemary Mead 01223 891 718 or Amanda Palmer 01223 894 316 to make other arrangements.

Thank you for your generosity. I know many of you have already supported the wonderful Christmas Shoe Box appeal organised by Jane Furlow, so I would like to thank you for your continued generosity and kindness. The foster children will be so delighted that someone is thinking about them.

Rosemary Mead

Operation Christmas Child in 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.

Shoebboxes filled with gifts 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 15th to 22nd 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. Please contact me on 893 232/077 5046921 or email jane.furlow@gmail.com. Or go to the web link <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Granta Medical Practices Update November 2021

Coronavirus (COVID-19) booster vaccine

The coronavirus boosters are being given by NHS vaccination centres in our area, and you will be contacted direct when it is your turn to book. The booster vaccine dose helps improve the protection you have from your first two doses of the vaccine and also helps gives you longer-term protection against getting seriously ill from COVID-19.

Who can get a COVID-19 booster vaccine?

Booster vaccine doses are available to those most at risk from COVID-19 who have had a second dose of vaccine at least 6 months ago. This includes:

- People aged 50 and over
- People who live and work in care homes
- Frontline health and social care workers
- People aged 16 and over with a health condition that puts them at high risk of getting seriously ill from COVID-19
- Carers aged 16 and over
- People aged 16 and over who live with someone who is more likely to get infections (such as someone who has HIV, has had a transplant or is having certain treatments for cancer, lupus or rheumatoid arthritis)

If you are pregnant and in one of the eligible groups listed above you can also get a booster dose.

If you are a frontline health or social care worker you can book a booster dose appointment online – you do not need to wait to be contacted by the NHS.

For further information on coronavirus booster vaccinations please ring NHS 119 or go to www.nhs.uk.

Sandra East, Head of Patient Services
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Your care home experiences wanted!

Do you, a loved one, family member or friend live in a Cambridgeshire or Peterborough care home?

Health and social care champion Healthwatch Cambridgeshire is calling out to local families to share their experiences of care homes over the last 12-18 months.

From communications and visiting restrictions to Covid testing and end of life care – they want to hear what it's been like for you.

What you tell Healthwatch will help local health and care services prepare better for the future.

If you're not online, get in touch and they can send you a paper questionnaire and a pre-paid envelope. Call 0330 355 1285.

Share your views at:

<https://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/care-home-survey>

County and District Council

District and County Councillors' Report – October 2021

Call for Sites

Following the release by the District Council of last month's preferred sites to take forward for potential development, we now have a date for the public consultation on these sites. This will run from Monday 1 November for 6 weeks.

As a reminder, the policy of the council has been to keep large development concentrated in the existing and forthcoming settlements – Cambourne, Northstowe, Waterbeach New Town etc., – and leave the villages as they are. If you are supportive of this principle, please do say so in the consultation response, it will be very helpful!

Planning Updates - Linton

Bartlow Road - For those with their ear to the ground, you will have seen that the developers of Bartlow Road, Linton have begun work on the site without the correct planning permission. They were doing this on the assumption that the relevant permissions that they needed would be granted by the District Council's planning committee in September. This didn't happen, in no small part due to some excellent input to the process by the Parish Council as well as John, all representing the welfare of the village superbly. The next challenge is to get the District Council to use their enforcement powers either to halt, or at least temporarily to suspend, the work happening on the site, before too much irreparable damage can be done.

Horseheath Road – the final two planning conditions, relating to surface water and foul water, will be decided at the District Council's planning committee in November. Many will recall that these are the conditions that should have been agreed, and implemented, before any work started on the site. Had this happened the flooding that occurred in July may have been avoided. More to follow.

Afghan Families

South Cambs. DC has responded very fast to the government's call to local authorities to find homes for refugees from Afghanistan who have been supporting us over the past 20 years. By the time you will read this eight families will be in their new homes and an agreement has been made to find further homes.

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/>

Business Growth Fund

This is still a live fund, with money still in the pot. Please do apply, and encourage local businesses to do so, if eligible. <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/business/growth-fund-grant-scheme/>

New County Council Office

The County Council's new purpose-built offices are now open in Alconbury. All their meetings will now take place there.

Contact Information

District Council – John Batchelor – johnbatchelor23@gmail.com

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

Diary for November

Date	Venue	Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Mon	1	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Abington Gardening Club	9.30am 7.30pm	11 11
Tue	2	Art Group Forget-Me-Not Club Table Tennis	10.00am 2.00pm 7.30pm	19 19 19
Wed	3	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
Thu	4	Abington Walking Group	9.50am	11
Fri	5	Low impact Aerobics Pilates	9.30am 10.30am	11 11
Mon	8	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Abington & Hildersham WI	9.30am 7.00pm	11 12
Tue	9	Art Group Reading group Hildersham Parish Council –Village Hall Table Tennis	10.00am 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	19 12 16 19
Wed	10	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
Fri	12	Low impact Aerobics Pilates	9.30am 10.30am	11 11
Mon	15	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Social cycling – from 1 Bourn Bridge Road Great Abington Parish Council	9.30am 9.30am 7.30pm	11 11 17
Tue	16	Art Group Forget-Me-Not Club Table Tennis	10.00am 2.00pm 7.30pm	19 19 19
Wed	17	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
Fri	19	Low Impact Aerobics Pilates	9.30am 10.30am	11 11
Sat	20	Abington Walking Group	9.50am	11
Mon	22	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Little Abington Parish Council	9.30am 7.15pm	11 14
Tue	23	Art Group Scrabble Club Table Tennis	10.00am 7.00pm 7.30pm	19 11 19
Wed	24	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
Fri	26	Low Impact Aerobics Pilates	9.30am 10.30am	11 11
Sat	27	Christmas Churches Fayre	PM	5
Mon	29	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building	9.30am	11
Tue	30	Art Group Forget-Me-Not Club Table Tennis	10.00am 2.00pm 7.30pm	19 19 19

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

Institute bookings: contact preferably by email: institute@theabingtons.org.uk or phone 07591 064 310.

Jeremiah's Café in Abington Village Institute

Opening times in November 2021

Thursday lunchtime 11.30am – 1.30pm (4th, 11th, 18th)
Saturday mornings 10.00am – 12 noon (6th, 13th, 20th, 27th)

Contacts for Café – helenstchowe@btinternet.com and helen.rogers.uk@gmail.com

Wheelie bin dates for November 2021 (Abingtons and Hildersham)

Mon 1 Green/Blue	Mon 8 Black	Mon 15 Green/Blue	Mon 22 Black	Mon 29 Green/Blue
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Yoga – Wednesdays 9.30am at Abington Institute

Contact Joan 890 629 or email joangraham72@gmail.com if you would like to drop in and try a class.

Abington Gardening Club

The next meeting is on Monday 1 November at 7.30pm at the Institute when David Gedye will give a talk entitled 'The Story of the Monkey Puzzle Tree'.

New members are very welcome.

Kay Harman, Secretary, Tel 891 730 email: robandkayharman@gmail.com

Social Cycling

In October only three participants took on the challenge of the hill out of Hadstock and ended up covering 18 kms.

Our next cycle ride will be on Monday 15 November from 1 Bourn Bridge Road at 9.30am.

Gaynor Farrant 07817 517 871 or gaynorfarrant198@btinternet.com

Abington Walking Group

Your November walks are on Thursday 4th and Saturday 20th.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

The recent walks have been to Linton & Hadstock and the village and surrounding fields of Shelford.

As usual we depart from the Institute at 10am 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

George Woodley on 891 169 or georgewoodley@ge29gew@gmail.com



Scrabble Club

The next meeting of the Scrabble Club will be on Tuesday 23 November 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 every Monday mornings (term time only) from 9.30 – 11.30am, in the Abington Annexe building at the bottom of the primary school playground. No need to book in advance. Contact 01223 894 246 (Abington Annexe Office), or email abingtonannexeoffice@gmail.com

Low Impact Aerobics and Pilates – Fridays, 9.30am and 10.30am

Aerobics, toning and stretching, exercises to raise your heart rate and tone your body, fun and friendly. Pilates will help to alleviate back pain, increase core strength, posture and flexibility.

Please book for five weeks for Low Impact Aerobics and Pilates. Contact Disa Bennett on 07798 754 029 or www.zumbaandpilatescambridge.co.uk

Reading Group

9 November	Three Hours <i>Rosamund Lupton</i>	Diana Wingfield
14 December	Christmas meeting	Valerie Hefford
11 January 2022	The Madness of Grief: A Memoir of Love and Loss <i>Rev. Richard Coles</i>	Dinah Brooks

We plan to meet at 7.30pm but both time and venue are subject to change. Therefore, please check emails for the latest information and confirm attendance to the host and me. In the light of the latest increase in cases we feel it advisable to do a LFT prior to attending meetings.

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

vhefford@yahoo.co.uk

Valerie Hefford

Abington & Hildersham Women's Institute

In October Kate Kirk came to talk to us about her amazing aunt, Cicely Saunders, who founded the modern hospice movement in the UK, providing holistic care for people who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness. Cicely was born in 1918, went to Roedean School and Oxford University. She was shy, very tall and very hardworking. During the war she found her true vocation as a nurse at St. Thomas's Hospital in London, but because of her height she developed a stoop and back pain. She became an almoner, helping patients pay for their treatment and offering rehabilitation after they were sent home. She studied medicine and did research into pain and its relief: not only the physical, but also the social, emotional, and spiritual effects. She met Florence Wald in America in 1963 and was inspired to set up her own hospice. In 1965 she obtained some land in Sydenham and St. Christopher's Hospice opened in 1967, with huge, staggered windows for light and views of the outside world. Cicely continued to study and travel around the world in her old age, sharing her views on palliative care and spreading the hospice movement. The Queen awarded her the Order of Merit in 1989. She died with breast cancer in 2005 at St. Christopher's Hospice. Kate Kirk began volunteering there aged 18 and is now Chair of Trustees at Arthur Rank Hospice. Today there are 200 hospices in the UK (43 for children) offering palliative care to improve the quality of life of those dying, as well as emotional and psychological support to families facing bereavement.

Next meeting: Monday 8 November 7.00pm. Please note earlier start time for Fish & Chip Supper. Guest speaker: Andy Malcolm from the Fishermen's Mission will be talking about the history & trivia of fish & chips. Members only.

Marilyn Broadhurst

Naturewatch Meeting

After two years of being unable to get together, on Saturday 4th December Naturewatch will be holding a meeting at 10am at the Abington Institute. We would particularly welcome anyone new to the village who is interested in helping us record the wildlife in the area. We will also review what has been seen over the summer and highlight some of our favourite sightings.

If you would like more details or can help support us, please ring me

on 01223 892 871.

David Farrant



Abington 10K and 2K Fun Run

A huge thank you to all the community members who came out on Sunday 3 October to support the Abington 10K and Fun Run. It was great to see lots of people out cheering on the 10K runners as they came through the village, as well as the family support at Granta Park for the 2K fun runners. Alongside the supporters there was the all-important marshalling team for the 10K. The marshals are village members who volunteer each year to keep the runners on track. The event is one of Great Abington Primary school's main fundraisers so all support is greatly appreciated.

It has been a year of deliberation for the Abington 10K committee as to whether the event could even go ahead, but thankfully we were able to run it with minimal restrictions.



The British weather, as always, proved to be a challenge, with overnight winds that blew over several of the tents that had been put up by the committee and parent helpers the day before. An early start Sunday morning to sort this out with calmer weather and everything was ready to go. The 10K runners set off first at 10.30, followed by the 2K fun runners who did a loop of Granta Park, before the leading 10K runners came back. The runners and supporters, who had worked up an appetite, were then able to enjoy cakes and hot drinks at the Abington Preschool cake stall.

The results of the Abington 10K and Fun run can be found at:

<http://racetimingolutions.racetecresults.com/results.aspx?CId=16269&RId=1294&EId=1&dt=1>

There is quite a team supporting this event ranging from the PTFA Trustees and members, the 10K management committee and the school and staff. We are also grateful for the support and help of Granta Park and the LSE and our sponsors ARCC, Tees, Cheffins, BioMed Realty and TWI.

All being well we look forward to running the event again on the first Sunday in October 2022.

Claire Baker

Little Abington Parish Council

Local Plan consultation

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning is keen that as many people as possible comment on the latest Local Plan proposals. The consultation runs from 1 November to 13 December: <https://consultations.greatercambridgeplanning.org/>

New visitor website

www.visitsouthcambs.co.uk has been launched to support local businesses in the tourism and hospitality sector. It is also gathering information such as local walking routes together with maps and images, and can offer a free listing for events taking place in the village. To contribute to the site fill in the online form: [Business Data Collection | Visit South Cambs](#) or email visit@scambs.gov.uk.

Speedwatch

On our regular sessions on Cambridge Road and Pampisford Road we generally record a handful of cars or vans over the speed limit. Recently, the police spotted a stolen motor vehicle on our list, which we hope will help them track it down, knowing that it has been in our area. To help fight crime (and speeding), please get in touch with Paddy on paddy.keane@btinternet.com.

Perse footpaths

The footpaths round the Perse fields are permissive ones and only to be used by walkers (with dogs), and therefore not cyclists or horse riders.

Recruitment of a new clerk

In case you missed this news last month, we are looking for a clerk to take over from Genevieve in the new year. If the job interests you, please get in touch with Sheila Bolden.

Planning meeting held in Abington Institute, Wednesday 29 September

21/04045/HFUL 6 Bourn Bridge Road: Part two storey, part single storey side and rear extension, and alterations to original dwelling's external materials. Recommended approval with the condition that the trees on the boundaries were not removed.

21/03969/LBC 26 High Street: Removal of all existing black plastic and metal guttering and down pipes. Replacement with a new, uniform gutter system in heritage black with deep flow characteristics. Recommended approval.

21/04041/PRIOR Old Crown House, 44 High Street: Change of use from commercial, business and service (Class E) to dwelling house (Class C3) Amendment. Recommended approval.

T21/0411TELNOT Communications Station 2591, Grange Farm: Installation of a Telefonica 300mm dish on the existing mast, installation of equipment within existing equipment cabinet and all ancillary development. Recommended approval.

Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Held in Abington Institute

Next Meeting: Monday 22 November 2021, Parish Council at 7.15pm

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

Next meetings

Monday 22 November

No meeting in December

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

First homes at Emerson Park/ Lodge Close

We are starting to take applications now from any local residents who wish to apply to purchase one of the First Homes. These are one-bedroom maisonettes with private garden, offered at a 40% discount of open market value (ground floor apartments, Plots 9b and 11b, will be sold at £156,000 and first floor apartments, Plots 9a and 11a, sold at £144,000. There is a £500 reservation fee, and the properties are first come first served, subject to you meeting the following criteria:

- Are a first time buyer
- Earn less than £80,000
- You will be arranging a mortgage for at least 50% of the purchase price
- You will not be subletting the property
- Have a local connection to Great Abington
- Have reservation fee (£500), 5-10% deposit available upon exchange of contracts (depending on your mortgage percentage) and legal fees available

We will also be advertising in the internal magazine at Granta Park, as well as on social media.

. Anyone interested in applying for one of these new homes should email firsthomes@laragh.co.uk in the first instance. We will then provide them with an application form which Laragh Homes will then submit to the SCDC.

Cambridge Past, Present & Future

Events and Activities November 2021

Dracula at the Leper Chapel Sat 6 & Sun 7 Nov, 7.30pm. Adults £14/under 18s £10

Jonathan Harker recounts his terrifying encounter with Dracula.

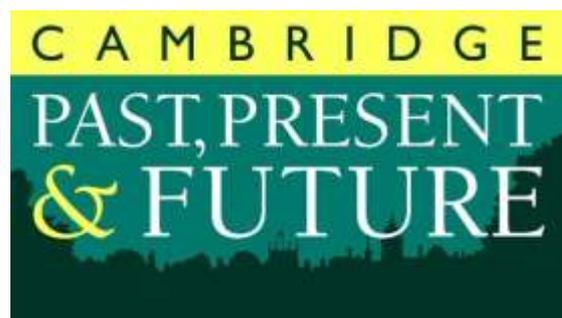
History and Archaeology Walk at Wandlebury Country Park

Wed 10 Nov, 10am – 12 noon. Free (donations welcome) Gentle guided walk with a Warden.

Forest of Imagination Exhibition

Sat 27 Nov 10.30-3pm. Free

Outdoor exhibition of artwork at Wandlebury Country Park.



www.cambridgeppf.org for more details.

Hildersham News November 2021

Harvest - The Church was full of nature's harvest from our gardens and fields which enhanced its existing beauty. We were delighted to receive so many bulging bags of food and toiletries gifted by many Hildersham residents, a HUGE thank you to you all. The REACH foodbank was very grateful for the donations which we hope will help brighten the lives of those experiencing financial difficulties at this time (see cover photo).

Some villagers have asked how they can help REACH further. At the time of writing REACH say that financial donations are needed to help people offset some of the rise in heating costs and recent changes to Universal Credit; donations can be made online from their homepage at www.reachhaverhill.org.uk.

Children's Church Council - The October meeting of the CCC began with a treasure hunt around the churchyard, the solution for which led them to the first agenda item, bug hotels. The construction of the bug hotels is a Spring project to encourage more insects into the churchyard. They also discussed the future Creative Church Day on Saturday 13 November when the children will be recycling things from nature for Christmas decorations which they will be selling at the Advent Tea Party.

The children were also keen to repeat last year's request to the villages for Christmas gifts for refugee children in our area. Cambridgeshire has accepted a number of refugee families and unaccompanied children from Afghanistan. We know that last Christmas the refugee children would not have received Christmas gifts without the generosity of people in our villages. **(Also see page 7)**

Hildersham Church will be open from 2pm to 4pm on Saturday 4 December to receive gifts, bagged and labelled (age and most appropriate gender) when you can also join us for tea and cake if you would like to.



Advent Tea Party

We had such a lovely tea party in the summer, we hope you will join us again, inside the church, on **Saturday 4 December between 2.00-4.00pm, for festive tea and cake.**

There will also be an opportunity to browse two or three craft stalls, decorations, cards, calendars and so on.

Hildersham Parish Council

If you notice a fault with the highways, such as potholes, 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 a Covid-19 vaccination, 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 (892 000)

Commercial e-bike share scheme

The search for affordable lockers to house the e-bikes has been challenging and the project group continues to investigate solutions prior to the share scheme starting. It is proposed that the bikes will be located on an area of hardstanding at the front of the Institute, against the parapet where they will be stored in lockers with digital locks. Please look out for information regarding when the scheme will commence. Many thanks to Bernie Talbot and the team for their continued input to ensure the scheme is successful. For further information please contact Bernie Talbot. bernie.talbot@btinternet.com

Emerson Park – Affordable homes update

Applications are now open if you are interested in purchasing one of the First Homes. Details are on page 15.

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

21/03822/FUL – Site 1 Granta Park – erection of R&D building and associated decked carpark, landscaping and associated infrastructure. PC recommended refusal

21/04345/HFUL- 7 Chalky Road – renovation of existing house; demolition of existing two storey extension and erection of new two storey extension.

21.04192/FUL – Land adjacent 34 South Road – erection of 1.5 storey dwelling with double garage.

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 meeting: Monday 15th 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 (892 000)

Helping Hands - Volunteer drivers needed

Helping Hands, which has been running for many years in our village, is in need of volunteer drivers for us to be able to continue this valuable service.

We provide transport assistance to those who are elderly for appointments to local health centres, hospital, dentist etc.

Volunteer drivers are paid mileage by the client to cover the cost of petrol. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact Helen Pimblett on 01223 891 746

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 If you would like to receive a hard copy of the brochure please email thelibrarypresents@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

November services inside the churches indicated (not Abingtons and Hildersham)

DATE	9.00am	10.30am	6.00pm
2 nd November All Souls Day			All Souls Service <i>Balsham</i>
7 th November		Communion <i>Balsham</i>	
14 th November Remembrance Sunday	Communion <i>Weston Colville</i>	Remembrance Service <i>Balsham</i> <i>West Wickham</i> <i>Wratting Common</i> 12.00	
21 st November	Communion <i>West Wickham</i> Morning Worship <i>West Wrating</i>	Communion <i>Balsham</i>	
28 th November Advent Sunday	Communion <i>Weston Colville</i> <i>West Wrating</i> Morning Worship <i>West Wickham</i>		

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 and follow the link to the pdf for the month you want.

Church Services for November 2021

DATE	<i>Gt. Abington</i> 	<i>Lt. Abington</i> 	<i>Hildersham</i> 	Readings
2 nd November All Souls		4.00pm Service of Hope		
7 th November	10.30am United	Communion 6.00pm Evensong	at Balsham	Hebrews 9.24-end Mark 1.14-20
14 th November Remembrance Sunday	9.00am Communion		10.30am Remembrance Service	Hebrews 10.11-25 Mark 13.1-8
21 st November		9.00am Morning Worship	6.00pm Evensong	Revelation 1.4b-8 John 18.33-37
28 th November Advent Sunday			10.30am United Communion	Jeremiah 33.14-16 Luke 21.25-36

United services are for participants from all the churches.

Church Flower Rota

	<i>Gt. Abington</i>	<i>Lt. Abington</i>	<i>Hildersham</i>
7 th November	Anne Hall	Freda Orgee	Muriel Crampin
14 th November	and	Freda Orgee	Anne-Marie Melloy
21 st November	Patsy Randall	Amanda Marns	Anne-Marie Melloy
28 th November	Advent – No flowers	Amanda Marns (Clean only)	Advent – No flowers

Churchwardens

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

<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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