



# The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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*Photo by Claire Gillet*

**Craft Group production line for Jubilee Celebration Bunting**

## Letter from the Editor

Beautiful, sunny, and warm weather, coinciding with the school Easter holidays, brought plenty of youngsters out to make daily enthusiastic use of the Pump Track. This new facility is already a hit! Now the contractor's work is done, Great Abington church can once again open its doors for services and visitors (page 5, 15, 20).

The funds raised by the Tent for Lent soup lunch exceeded expectations and there was similar success from the Spring Tea and the Hildersham Easter Tea Party. The children in Hildersham were especially active in selling plants, making flower baskets and delivering Easter bunny chocolate treats (page 16). Well done to them and everyone who worked hard on all these events.

The GAPS Outdoor learning project has raised sufficient funds to be confident about moving ahead with this project in the summer. Page 6 spells out the costs of a range of items and asks for sponsorship.

Many thanks to the team who are busily organising a packed weekend of varied and fun events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (pages 5, 7). The Craft Group is already making colourful bunting (cover photo).

Jeremiah's Café is opening on Friday mornings in addition to the usual Thursday and Saturday (page 11). The Bowls Club is opening again in May (page 13). Please note that the Forget-Me-Not Club has adopted a new name, The Tuesday Club (page 12).

The Abington Parish Councils have arranged a meeting for us to discuss the proposed Linton Greenway with the Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership (pages 14, 15). This will be in the Abington Institute at 6.30pm on 11 May. Don't miss it.

The Little Abington Parish Council has a new website and a new Parish Clerk and will, in future, hold meetings every other month instead of monthly.

The County and District Councils report sources of funds to help refugees, families and also businesses with Covid-related costs (pages 8, 9).

The rapid rise in the costs of living, notably for food and for energy, means increasing numbers of people need to use the Foodbanks and these are becoming short of donations. So, there is an urgent need, for those who can, to donate food or cash. We have benefited from a Community Oil ordering service which has used the higher volume of community oil orders to achieve better prices that single households may manage. Rod Willcox will make his final order for us this month. To continue to benefit from a community order we urgently need a volunteer to take over from Rod. Could this be you? See page 9.

Valerie Silvey

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Articles for the June 2022 edition of *The Abingtons and Hildersham News* should be sent to the editor no later than Sunday 15 May 2022 at [news@theabingtons.org.uk](mailto:news@theabingtons.org.uk). Photos welcome.

## **From the Seven Churches**

I'm someone who usually loves an excuse for a party or gathering! Like many, then, I've really missed these things at times over the pandemic. Yet it hasn't just been about missing celebrations. Over the last two years, we have missed so many of the markers of times and seasons in our lives. It may well have felt a little disorientating! Times of celebration and mourning, anniversaries and birthdays, community festivals and gatherings, often kept, but in radically different ways. Some were postponed, reduced in numbers, or moved online. Yet marking such times and seasons remains of great importance in giving shape to our lives and I'm so grateful we can now do this more regularly.

We will soon be reminded again of this importance as we look ahead to a very special weekend in early June. The weekend of Sunday 5 June will see people gather around the country and indeed the world to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee which marks the 70th anniversary of the accession of the Queen and give thanks for her service and dedication as monarch. As churches we will be marking the occasion with a special service in each of our parishes on that Sunday and will then enjoy being part of the many parties in each village that afternoon!

That Sunday will also be another type of anniversary when the church celebrates Pentecost, sometimes known as the 'birthday' of the church. At Pentecost we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples gathered in Jerusalem after the resurrection of Jesus. This astonishing gift of God's Spirit, as described in the book of Acts, bound together the early church in worship and shared life, and empowered them to reach out to others in the name of Jesus. As with other anniversaries, it also helps remind the church of its calling and purpose today, as we seek to share the joy and good news of life in the Spirit.

Marking the times and seasons, and being grateful for all that is good in our lives, shapes our humanity. It shapes our sense of purpose, helps us cherish the time we have, and may increase our capacity for joy. It may also, as Pentecost reminds us, draw us more deeply into the life of the Spirit and lead us, in all the seasons of our lives, to praise, prayer and thanksgiving.

Revd Iain McColl

### **BALSHAM Singers' Spring Concert**

**Saturday 21 May 2022 at 7.30pm**

**Holy Trinity Church, Balsham**

**Music to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee  
by Parry and Handel, plus a medley of James Bond themes,  
Gloria Festiva, Fields of Gold, Tears in heaven and more**

Tickets at £10 (under 16s free) from members of the choir  
Post Offices at Balsham and Great Abington or online at

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/balshamsingers](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/balshamsingers)

### **WI Cake and Plant Stall**

**Saturday 7 May 9.30 – 11.30am**

**at Abington Village Institute**

We will be selling locally grown plants  
and homemade cakes and produce.

Come and buy quality plants for your garden  
at bargain prices and delicious home bakes.

## News from the Pews

**Tent for Lent:** Members and Friends of our Churches held yet another successful fund-raising event in the Village Institute, by organising a very tasty homemade soup lunch for the 'Tent for Lent' appeal. They aimed to raise just under £400 to purchase a Tent. However, £487.40 was raised, enabling the purchase of the Family-sized Tent and a Shelter Box holding basic equipment. So well done to all the ladies who cooked seven varieties of soup and to those who supported the event and gave generous donations.

**Pump Track Completion:** As the Pump Track has now been completed, we aim to open Great Abington Church once again on Sunday 1 May. It will be sometime before the grass seed grows and is established so the car park will be smaller than normal, and we ask for your consideration when parking your car throughout this time. We look forward to opening our church again and apologise sincerely to those who have been unable to visit our church regularly for private prayer and to those who regularly use the Community Food Pantry.

**Deanery Fair:** Sincere thanks to everyone who supported the Deanery Fair at Shelford. Another successful event.

**Platinum Jubilee:** Massive organisations are taking place by a team of volunteers to celebrate this occasion. As most of the events are taking place on the recreation ground the church will be quite heavily involved. On Sunday 5 June there will be a service of thanksgiving at 10.30am. We hope members of our community will join us.

**Open Gardens:** We are still accepting offers from members of Great Abington community to open their gardens for the Open Garden event to be held on Saturday 25 June. If you wish to take part, please contact Anne or Patsy (details on back page).

**Christian Aid Week 15 to 21 May:** This appeal week is always held in May. The charity provides help to persecuted Christians throughout the world, helping to fight injustice, respond to humanitarian emergencies, campaign for change and help people claim the services and rights they are entitled to. If you do not receive an envelope through your door and wish to donate, please contact a churchwarden.

Anne Hall

### **Anne Syfret (6 March 1927 to 25 February 2022)**

Anne Syfret lived her early years in Chelsea, then moved to Bermuda at the age of ten, shortly before the start of WW2. She spent the war years in America (Anne's mother was an American) and attended Goucher College in Baltimore, where she studied art history. Her father worked at the US naval base at Key West Florida, where Anne, aged 17, met Teddy Syfret from the Royal Navy, who was passing on his experiences in anti-submarine warfare.

Anne said it was love at first sight. She loved her art studies yet wanted to be with Teddy who had returned to England at the war's end. She showed her lifelong steely determination by fast-tracking her studies to enable her to graduate after two years and then join Teddy, whom she married in St Andrew's Church, Newmarket Road in Cambridge in August 1947.

Teddy became a teacher. After several years in Worcestershire and Surrey, they moved, with three small children – one daughter and two sons – to the village of Hitcham in Suffolk, which became the family home for the next 22 years before they settled in Cambridge, leaving Cross Green House in August 1977, the month when their daughter Sue died in a tragic car accident.

Anne had passionate lifelong interests in illustration, storytelling, writing, needlework, design, model-making, gardening, games, travel, which included speaking French and learning Greek. Not long after Teddy's death in 2008 came the last ten years in Briar Cottage, Great Abington. Anne set to work at once on re-shaping the house, creating a new garden, and turning the derelict barn into a beautiful place for games and entertainment. She most enjoyed village activities such as scrabble and lunch at our local pubs. She pursued an active and creative retirement until the final months of her life, when poor health necessitated a move to a care home. Anne died peacefully on Friday 25 February.

**Anne's Thanksgiving service is to be held at Great Abington Church at 1.30pm on Tuesday 17 May. All are welcome.**

## Great Abington Primary School Outdoor Project

After raising an incredible £50,000 to date the Outdoor Learning Project is now on course to start over the summer holidays. Donations from local businesses, individuals and offers of practical support for the project have far exceeded expectations. We are very grateful for the support given.

The next stage is to raise the final £10,000 to complete the project and create an exciting new space for the children and adults within our school community. We hope that you will feel that you can support the project. All donations, however big or small, are very welcome. Donations are being handled by the PTFA Global Giving page at [www.greatabington.school/ptfa/](http://www.greatabington.school/ptfa/)

It was suggested that some people may prefer to sponsor a particular item. The table below details a selection of items on the shopping list.

Items	Cost	Comments	Approx. Cost
Fruit trees	These average out at about £100 each	8 mature trees required	£800
Other native trees	These average out at about £60 each	10 required	£600
Wooden compost bins for garden area	£20 each	3 required	£60
Wheelbarrow	Junior £25 each Adult £80	2 junior required 1 adult required	£50 £80
Junior watering can	£10 each	2 required	£20
Adult watering can	£10 each	1 required	£10
Water butts	£31 each	2 required for the greenhouse	£62
Potting trays Compost for greenhouse	£59 each	2 aluminum finish required	£118
Seed tray rack for greenhouse	£130	Aluminum finish	£130
Reservoir for greenhouse	£59	1 required	£59
Greenhouse heaters	£260	1 required - Phoenix fan heater capable of heating 10' x 12' space.	£260 Need check this for adequacy
Boulders	£500 each	Require 5 Celtic mixed boulders. Dimensions approx. 1 meter in diameter.	£2,500 and with delivery = £2,900
Weather station	£665	Can be remotely accessed by pupils from an app or webpage	£665
Play Tunnels	£550 each	2 required to be placed through the mounds	£1,100
Integral Staging for greenhouse	Various prices for the different sections of staging: £324 £486 £194 £291 £170	The greenhouse is made of aluminum. It is 12x18 ft and includes a 6ft partition with double doors. This will provide a heated growing area. The staging consists of aluminum sections running along the sides of the greenhouse plus staging in the middle to be used for small group teaching purposes.	£1465
Roof blinds	£720	2 ft wide roof blind	£720

The project build is planned to start at the beginning of the summer holidays and will be another amazing space for the children in addition to the Abington pump track. For a small village school the children certainly have a range of opportunities available to them.

If you require any further information or have any queries at all please do not hesitate to contact Guy or myself.

Finally, please do share this email with family, friends or work colleagues who might be interested in supporting the school cause. Thanks for your interest and support for this project.

**Mark Carter**

# Planning progresses for The BIG Weekend

## Thursday 2–Sunday 5 June 2022



### **when the Abingtons celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

The Jubilee Working Group, backed by the Parish Councils, has been developing a programme of events for the Big Weekend, designed to appeal to all ages. At the time of writing, the schedule for the four days includes:

#### **Thursday 2 June, 6.30pm onwards, on the Recreation Ground**

Lighting the Jubilee beacon, part of the nationwide network  
Hog roast and Bar

#### **Friday 3 June, 2–5pm, on the Recreation Ground**

Bouncy castles – children and adults  
Egg throwing competition – can you catch it, not crack it?  
Treasure hunt – can you crack it?  
Refreshments

#### **Saturday 4 June In the Village Institute, from 9.30am**

Platinum Big Breakfast accompanied by a Buck's fizz  
Cake baking competition – categories for children and adults  
History Group display – insights into Great and Little Abington past, continues on Sunday  
**On the Recreation Ground, 2–5pm**

Rounders – for all ages

#### **At The Three Tuns, 6pm onwards**

BBQ and Disco

#### **Sunday 5 June**

Morning Church service, 10.30am, Great Abington church

#### **On the Recreation Ground, 12noon–7pm**

The **Big Picnic** – bring your own favourite outdoor food and drink and your picnic chairs; and be ready to enjoy an afternoon of entertainment and fun

Pimm's tent – courtesy of the Jubilee Working Group

Children's fancy dress parade of kings and queens or royal attire

Tug-of-war – to compete for the Abingtons Challenge Cup

Name the bear competition – who will take a new bear home?

Afternoon tea – your opportunity to sample the competition cakes

Huggy Flares Band - playing two sets during the afternoon

Glams Choir – Abington's own ladies' choir

Granta Vale Choir – a set from our *a capella* singers

Meet your village clubs – representatives of clubs and organisations will be on hand to introduce their activities and perhaps persuade you to give them a try: Allotments; Art; Bowls; Craft; Football; Forget-Me-Nots; Gardening; Helping Hands; Kidney Cancer UK; Naturewatch/Rivercare; Scouts; Social Cycling; Speedwatch; Walking; Women's Institute

***And throughout the weekend, let's hang out the bunting wherever we can to give the Abingtons a really festive look***

The Jubilee Working Group comprises Tasha Whittaker, Emma Ellis-Jackson, Charlotte Adams, Tony Orgee, Sheila Bolden, Isobel Smith, Viiia Archer, Gill Smith and Richard Smith. They need help from volunteers to run this programme. If you have expertise in a particular area such as first aid, or are simply willing to be an extra pair of hands where needed, please contact Tasha on [dollsline@aol.com](mailto:dollsline@aol.com) or Gill on [richardandgill.smith@live.co.uk](mailto:richardandgill.smith@live.co.uk).

The full programme for the Big Weekend will go out in the June issue of *The Abingtons and Hildersham News*. Also please watch the village Facebook page, and noticeboards for updates.

# **County and District Council District and County Councillors' Report April 2022**

## **A1307**

Progress is being made with the lights at the Hildersham Crossroads and with the extension of the cycle route into the Abingtons. Work is expected to continue for several months yet.

The next project on the list is the roundabout at the Bartlow crossing and the changes to the Dean Road access to the dual carriageway. We do not have a date for this yet, other than to say it will be in this financial year.

## **Afghan Refugees**

South Cambs. District Council has made available nine homes for Afghan refugees. All are now occupied, and the families are starting to make a new life for themselves. They are being supported by the local authority and funded through government grants.

## **Ukrainian Refugees**

The District Council is responsible for vetting the homes of sponsors and checking their suitability to receive their guests. They are not offering homes at this stage but may have an obligation later if the accommodation arrangements breakdown and the Ukrainians become homeless.

If you are interested in this issue, there is a wealth of information on the District Council website [www.scambs.gov.uk](http://www.scambs.gov.uk)

## **Covid Funding**

A new discretionary fund has opened to help businesses who have not benefited from previous funding rounds. Full details can be found at [www.scambs.gov.uk/CARF](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/CARF)

## **Bin Collections**

Covid is still making it very challenging to run all the bin collections. As we write over 40 of the workforce of 150 are away. Despite this, it is the council's intention to continue the green bin collection but, if your bin is not collected at the normal time, please leave it out and we will be picking it up as soon as we can.

## **Council Tax Rebate Scheme.**

The government's council tax rebate scheme goes live on 1st April. FAQs will be on the district council website. It is aimed at homes in council tax bands A-D. The amount of £150 is not repayable and will not show up on your Council Tax bill.

## **Fitness and Wellbeing Grants**

South Cambridgeshire District Council is urging instructors to apply for up to £300 to lead fitness and wellbeing activities in their communities. Anyone who leads an existing group or who wants to set up a new initiative in the District, such as leading a walking group in their local park or running a weekly yoga class in a village hall, could be eligible for the small grant. Providers running multiple groups can also apply to fund multiple programmes.

## **Zero Carbon Communities Grants**

South Cambridgeshire's community groups can now bid for a share of more than £120,000 from the District Council's popular Zero Carbon Communities Grant scheme. The scheme has so far provided £310,000 to 51 grassroots projects that work to tackle climate change in South Cambridgeshire. The deadline to apply for the latest round of grants is Wednesday 1 June 2022. Full eligibility criteria and ideas for projects are available at [www.scambs.gov.uk/zerocarbongrant](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/zerocarbongrant)

## Zero Carbon Award

South Cambridgeshire District Council has been recognised for its work to tackle climate change, with a Silver accolade at the 2022 Public Sector Transformation Awards.

## County Underspend

Amazingly the County Council has a forecast end of year underspend of £15.7m caused by short term implications of the Covid-19 pandemic. It is intended to use some of this in immediate and visible improvements to county highways including extra work in pothole 'hot spots', an increased programme to reduce surface water in locations highlighted by the community and improving lines and road markings in more rural areas to make driving safer at night and in bad weather.

## Family Support

Although Government-backed schemes set up to help struggling families during the pandemic ended on March 31, Cambridgeshire County Council's Joint Administration has agreed to earmark £3.6m to extend the Holiday Voucher Scheme for a further year.

We will issue each eligible child or young person a £30 supermarket voucher to cover the Easter holiday period. It will be sent by email and/or text to the nominated parent or carer. The voucher does not need to be used in a single shopping trip and once claimed will last for at least a year.

If your child is eligible for income-related free school meals as well as a number of other criteria, they will automatically receive a voucher for the Easter holiday period. Any children who become eligible until 19 April 2022 will also receive a voucher. More at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

## 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)

**Shared e-bikes based at Institute.** Two bizbike e-bikes are now available for Abington residents to use. You will find them in the lockers on the front terrace of the Institute. Download the free bizbike app, register, and follow the instructions. Fees for rides are very low thanks to a subsidy from the South Cambridgeshire Zero Carbon Communities Fund: 50p per hour. Once you register you will be emailed detailed instructions and an unlock code for the bike lockers. Use the app to scan the QR code at the back of the bike to unlock it, making sure the lock arm is not rubbing against a wheel spoke. At the end of your ride please return your bike to the locker. Use the bizbike helpline for any assistance required: 07973 499 224 or email [info@bizbike.club](mailto:info@bizbike.club)

## Community Oil Order- urgent appeal for help!

After ten years of ordering oil on our behalf Rod Willcox will be making his **final order** for domestic heating oil, with delivery expected by mid May. He needs customers to tell him their oil requirements between 28 April and 4 May. Orders have been taken for three deliveries per year, usually in January, May and October. Orders are usually submitted to Rod by email and the full list is sent to the chosen supplier online. Phone calls to six suppliers determine the best price available.

With the increasing prices of oil, it makes sense to take advantage of the negotiating power of a bulk community order, often of 40,000 litres, compared with single household orders of less than 2,000 litres. We can only do this if someone will volunteer to take on the task. If you are interested, please contact Rod who will explain what is involved and be prepared to facilitate a smooth handover. Contact [rodwillcox@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rodwillcox@hotmail.co.uk) .

## Diary for May 2022

Date		Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Mon	2	<b>Spring Bank Holiday</b>		
Tue	3	<b>Art Group</b>	10.00am	19
		<b>Tuesday Club (formerly the FGMN Club)</b>	2.00pm	12
		<b>Table Tennis</b>	7.30pm	19
Wed	4	<b>Yoga – course and drop in</b>	9.30am	11
		<b>Line Dancing</b>	1.00pm	11
Thu	5	<b>Abington Walking Group</b>	9.50am	12
Fri	6	<b>Low impact Aerobics</b>	9.30am	11
		<b>Pilates</b>	10.30am	11
Sat	7	<b>WI Cake and Plant Stall</b>	9.30am	13
Mon	9	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group – Pre-school building</b>	9.30am	11
		<b>Physio Pilates</b>	2.20pm	11
		<b>Abington and Hildersham WI</b>	7.30pm	13
Tue	10	<b>Art Group</b>	10.00am	19
		<b>Table Tennis</b>	7.30pm	19
		<b>Reading Group – see page 12 for venue</b>	7.30pm	12
Wed	11	<b>Yoga – course and drop in</b>	9.30am	11
		<b>Line Dancing</b>	1.00pm	11
		<b>Meeting to discuss Linton Greenway</b>	6.30pm	14, 15
Thu	12	<b>Granta Vale Harmony</b>	7.30pm	12
Fri	13	<b>Low impact Aerobics</b>	9.30am	11
		<b>Pilates</b>	10.30am	11
Mon	16	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group – Pre-school building</b>	9.30am	11
		<b>Physio Pilates</b>	2.20pm	11
		<b>Great Abington Parish Council</b>	7.15pm	15
Tue	17	<b>Art Group</b>	10.00am	19
		<b>Social Cycling - meet at 1 Bourn Bridge Road</b>	11.00am	12
		<b>Tuesday Club</b>	2.00pm	12
		<b>Table Tennis</b>	7.30pm	19
Wed	18	<b>Yoga – course and drop in</b>	9.30am	11
		<b>Line Dancing</b>	1.00pm	11
Thu	19	<b>Craft Group</b>	1.30pm	12
		<b>Granta Vale Harmony</b>	7.30pm	12
Fri	20	<b>Low impact Aerobics</b>	9.30am	11
		<b>Pilates</b>	10.30am	11
Sat	21	<b>Abington Walking Group</b>	9.50am	12
Mon	23	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group – Pre-school building</b>	9.30am	11
		<b>Physio Pilates</b>	2.20pm	11
		<b>Little Abington Parish Council</b>	7.15pm	14
Tue	24	<b>Art Group</b>	10.00am	19
		<b>Scrabble Club</b>	7.00pm	13
		<b>Table Tennis</b>	7.30pm	19
Wed	25	<b>Yoga – course and drop in</b>	9.30am	11
		<b>Line Dancing</b>	1.00pm	11
Thu	26	<b>Abington Lunch</b>	1.00pm	11
		<b>Granta Vale Harmony</b>	7.30pm	12
Fri	27	<b>Low impact Aerobics</b>	9.30am	11
		<b>Pilates</b>	10.30am	11

Mon	30	<b>Rivercare and litter pickup - meet at bridge/ford</b> <b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group – Pre-school building</b> <b>Physio Pilates</b>	9.30am 9.30am 2.20pm	11 11
Tue	31	<b>Art Group</b> <b>Tuesday Club</b> <b>Table Tennis</b>	10.00am 2.00pm 7.30pm	19 12 19

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 07591 064 310.

**Jeremiah's Café in Abington Village Institute**  
**Opening times in May 2022**

Thursday lunchtime	11.30am – 1.30pm (5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> ,) Lunch 26 <sup>th</sup>
Friday	8.45am – 11.00am (6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> )
Saturday mornings	10.00am – 12 noon (7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <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 May 2022 (Abingtons and Hildersham)**

<b>Tue 3</b> <b>Green/Blue</b>	<b>Mon 9</b> <b>Black</b>	<b>Mon 16</b> <b>Green/Blue</b>	<b>Mon 23</b> <b>Black</b>	<b>Mon 30</b> <b>Green/Blue</b>
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**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.

**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, improve 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](http://www.zumbaandpilatescambridge.co.uk)

**Physio-led Face to Face Pilates on Mondays at Abington Institute**

Mondays 2.20 to 3.20pm for Beginners/Intermediate. Max 6 participants. Classes £12 per session. Book 3 sessions (£36 non-refundable).

Contact Christina Heinz on [cambridgepilates@outlook.com](mailto:cambridgepilates@outlook.com)

**Line Dancing - Wednesdays 1pm to 2.30pm, term time**

Qualified line dance instructor, Lisa Mason, now runs drop-in classes suitable for all ages and levels, at Abington Institute. Welcomes beginners to intermediate level. Bring a drink and suitable shoes. Contact email [lisa.lmsd@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.lmsd@gmail.com) or phone 07958 788 292.

**Abington Pre-School Baby and Toddler Group**

This Group is open every Monday morning (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](mailto:abingtonannexeoffice@gmail.com)

**Abington Gardening Club**

The club talks have finished for the summer but there are garden visits to look forward to. There is a visit to Clover Cottage in West Wickham on Tuesday 10 May leaving the Institute at 1.30pm. Please contact me if you wish to go or need a copy of the visits programme.

New members are very welcome.

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

## Social Cycling

The next ride will be on Monday 16 May starting at 11.00am from 1 Bourn Bridge Road. Gaynor Farrant 07817 517 871 or [gaynorfarrant198@btinternet.com](mailto:gaynorfarrant198@btinternet.com)

## Abington Walking Group

Our April walk was to Ugley in Essex.

Your May strolls are on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>.

As usual we depart from the Institute at 10am by shared transport to the walk venue.

We do really need more walkers to join us – we are not an exclusive group!

The countryside is looking really spring like. Let's make the most of it.

For further information 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)



## Reading Group

10 May	<i>Hamnet</i> Maggie O'Farrell	Rachel Haining
14 June	<i>The Night She Disappeared</i> Lisa Jewell	Valerie Hefford
12 July	<i>If Nobody Speaks of Remarkable Things</i> Jon McGregor	Mary Conochie

We will meet at 7.30pm at Rachel's to discuss *Hamnet*. Please confirm attendance to Rachel and copy me in. Please also do a LFT before attending if possible.

We would welcome new members. If interested email me:

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

Valerie Hefford

## Forget-Me-Not Club henceforth to be known as The Tuesday Club.

Activities planned for the May meetings are as follows:

Tuesday, 3 May at 2pm.

Bring a favourite poem to share

Tuesday, 17 May at 2pm. A talk entitled Around the World in 23 years to be given by Linda Scoles

Tuesday 31 May, An afternoon strawberry tea to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration.

Please contact me, Jenny Milns (890 252), for any further information.

## Abington Craft Group

The next meeting will be on Thursday 19 May, 1.30-4.30pm at Abington Institute, when there will be a demonstration of lace-making. All welcome. Light refreshments provided. Small fee of £2 per session to cover costs. Email- [Glynis.brookman@btinternet.com](mailto:Glynis.brookman@btinternet.com) or telephone 07970 614 194. See cover photo of the group making celebration bunting.

## Granta Vale Harmony

Granta Vale Harmony is a mixed *acapella* singing group. We meet on Thursday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30pm at the Abington Institute, and anyone is welcome to join in. Contact details - Peter Lester Telephone 07884 932 215 or email [haverhi11@talktalk.net](mailto:haverhi11@talktalk.net)

**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.

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

Bearing in mind the WI's continuing campaign to take action on climate change, we invited Edward Gildea, an environmental activist, to speak at our April meeting. In 2014 and 2018 he took part in the Clipper Round the World Races from Brisbane to London and Uruguay to Australia and was challenged by the power of the oceans, extreme heat and humidity, hurricanes, and cyclones. He realised how tiny and fragile planet Earth is and how a huge increase in carbon dioxide (35% in 50 years) was affecting the climate and oceans. Hotter oceans mean more drought, wildfires, extreme weather and bio-diversity loss. Thriving Australian coral reefs full of fish had almost disappeared within 5 years. As a climber in the Himalayas, each day he saw rivers turned to torrents by the afternoon due to glacial melt. Huge areas under agriculture are dependent on this water. UK carbon emissions have fallen by 50% since 1990 but China uses coal to manufacture the goods we increasingly import. How can we as individuals help? Be carbon conscious, eat less meat, vote with our purchases, consider our legacy for our grandchildren.

**Saturday 7 May 9.30 – 11.30pm Cake & Plant Stall outside the Village Institute –** please bring contributions you have baked, preserved, or potted up !

**Next meeting: Monday 9 May 7.30pm: Frida Kahlo – a life in art.**

Visitors & new members always welcome

Marilyn Broadhurst

## **Scrabble Club.**

The next meeting of the Scrabble Club will be on Tuesday 24 May 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 to this friendly group.

Sheena Fraser

## **Abington Bowls Club – All day, every day.**

After a two-year pandemic pause, we are ready to roll again. And we're recruiting. All ages welcome!

**Where?** For older Abington residents, it's between Joshua Taylor's and Jeremiah's, alongside Lady Cambridge's, opposite The Crown.

For newer ones - we are in Little Abington, a couple of hundred yards/metres up the High Street from the bridge, on the right, next to The Old House, behind the wall topped with a hedge, opposite the white bus shelter and just before the field with sheep in it.

**When?** The season runs from May to September. We play in two county leagues, but you can just play for fun. All day, every day. Everyone catered for, from beginner to brilliant. Whatever your standard, there is a place, and a warm welcome, for you.

**FREE** membership for the first year. Give it a try. You can practise at any time. Bowls provided. No stilettos, please.

**Contact** Graham Ross 01223 891 564

## **2022 Sawston Fun Run is back – Sunday 8 May [www.sawstonfunrun.org](http://www.sawstonfunrun.org)**

The Fun Run and Walk, having already raised over half a million pounds over the years, is set to return to its pre-Covid highly successful format on 8 May, with entry registrations available from mid-February exclusively on the new improved event's website [www.sawstonfunrun.org](http://www.sawstonfunrun.org)

Information and the registration facility are on the new website with fees before 8 May being: £12 for adults and £6 for children in School Year 1 to 11. All proceeds will go to **East Anglia's Children's Hospice [EACH]** at Milton, Cambridge **and Rowan**, a local charity that supports adults with learning disabilities and other local charities and organisations.

The routes will be the traditional 7.4K route around Sawston that appeals to all sections of the running community and the shorter 3.8 K route that appeals to families and young children, many of whom are in fancy dress. There will be attractions at the venue, Sawston Village College so, subject to prevailing Covid regulations, the event will be very similar to those of the past.

# Little Abington Parish Council

## District council elections

Polling day for the election of councillors to the Linton ward of South Cambs. District Council is on Thursday 5 May from 7am to 10pm at the village institute. There won't be any voting for parish councillors as none were contested.

## Linton Greenway

A meeting has now been arranged to discuss plans with representatives from the Greater Cambridge Partnership for this new cycling, pedestrian, and horse-riding route. To be held from 6.30pm at the Institute on Wednesday 11 May.

## New website

Our vice-chair Isobel, with assistance from her son Henry, has created a website dedicated to the parish council: [www.littleabingtonparishcouncil.org.uk/](http://www.littleabingtonparishcouncil.org.uk/). You'll find details of meetings, current issues, past minutes and finances – and lots of photos.

## Hedges and overhanging trees

As we move into spring, please make sure that your hedges, shrubs and trees are not obstructing pavements or street lighting. Remember that the Highways team can charge for the removal of overhanging branches that obstruct a pavement.

## Parish Councillor vacancy

We are still looking for someone to replace Peter Brunning who is standing down after almost 17 years' service. If you're interested, please get in touch with Sheila Bolden (details below).

## Meeting on Monday 28 March

We welcomed our new clerk, Jessica Ashbridge. She very quickly made her mark by suggesting we meet less frequently – once every two months. So, we shall be holding meetings this year in May, July, September and November.

## Planning discussions

22/01038/FUL, The Oval, Fourwentways, Newmarket Road: Change of use to a dog day care centre, (*sui generis* use) with the erection of buildings and the creation of an area of car parking. Recommended approval.

## Planning decisions and updates

21/05165/REM Phase 2, Land Zone 2, Granta Park: Erection of an R&D building and associated decked car park, landscaping and associated infrastructure. Objection at a virtual SCDC planning meeting on 13 April, asking for walking routes through Granta Park. Since been approved by SCDC, which agreed to discuss improving accessibility to the site.

### Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Held in Abington Institute

**Next Meeting: Monday 23 May 2022, Parish Council at 7.15pm**

Sheila Bolden (Chairman)

07754 659 929

Email: [sheila.bolden@btinternet.com](mailto:sheila.bolden@btinternet.com)

Jessica Ashbridge (Clerk)

Email: [clerk.lapc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.lapc@gmail.com)

## Next meeting

Monday 23 May

If you would like to participate in a meeting, please contact the clerk. Details to be confirmed regarding start times are on the new website and the parish council noticeboard. The meeting agendas and papers are published on the Abingtons website: [www.littleabingtonparishcouncil.org.uk/](http://www.littleabingtonparishcouncil.org.uk/).

## Elections

Nominations for the Parish Council Election have now closed. There were seven nominations for the seven seats. A list of uncontested elections can be found at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/media/19946/notice-of-uncontested-election-parishes.pdf>

There will still be an election on 5 May at the Institute and you will be able to vote for two members of South Cambridgeshire District Council to represent the Linton Ward.

## The Linton Greenway

Don't forget the Parish Councils have arranged a meeting with representatives of the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) to hear your views and answer questions about the routing of the Linton Greenway through the Abingtons on Wednesday 11 May from 6.30pm to 8.00pm at the Institute.

## No Mow May

The Parish Council recently took over the contract for mowing the verges around the village from CCC as it felt it could be more proactive in monitoring and requesting additional cuts to keep everyone safe. This year the Council are taking part in the 'No Mow May' campaign to support the bees, butterflies and wildlife (and us) <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/no-mow-may> However if during this period you become aware of any verges that pose a danger please contact the clerk who will arrange for it to be cut [harper802@btinternet.com](mailto:harper802@btinternet.com)

## Pump Track

Congratulations to the Pump Track Team on the successful completion of this lengthy project. It is pleasing to note that the track is already being well used and enjoyed by members of the community ranging in age from 3 to 76 years. Plans are in place to further enhance the site with landscaping and seating. Please note the contact details on the pump track sign to report any concerns or damage.

## 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 SDC. 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 – applications received

22/00797/FUL – 2 Pampisford Road –erection of two storey dwelling. PC supported

22/00745/LBC – Abington Hall – Amendment to previously approved layout under 21/03536/LBC to extend the lift to serve the basement level. To include relocation of basement showers and the provision of a new fire escape door. PC supported

### 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 16 May at 7.15pm (including Annual Parish Meeting)**

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)

## Hildersham News

### Easter Tea Party

The table was laden with delicious home-made cakes and biscuits for the tea party and our guests were spoilt for choice.

It was a lovely opportunity to catch up with friends in beautiful surroundings and top up their garden borders with plants from the plant sale and the beautiful baskets of flowers made by the Childrens' Church Council.



*Photos. -Making flower baskets (left) and Easter Bunny bag production line(right)*

The children were keen that the money made from the plant sale would support Reach so we bought 65 Easter eggs which have been given out to both adults and children. One gentleman said he had not had an Easter egg since he was 8 years old. Such stories encourage us to continue to support this invaluable charity in our community.

Please keep an eye on this magazine for the date of the next tea party.

### Childrens' Church Council

The children had their latest meeting in the church porch and ran an extremely efficient production line making bunny bags which they filled with Easter eggs. They were then transformed into Easter bunnies and delivered the bags to all the houses in Hildersham.

The Hildersham Parochial Church Council would like to offer huge thanks to **Kate Huntsman** for her invaluable input as a member of the PCC over a number of years as she steps down after our APCM.

### Hildersham Parish Council

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

The next meeting of Hildersham Parish Council will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and will also include the Annual Parish Meeting in Hildersham Village Hall. Information is on the Parish Council's website: <https://hildershamparishcouncil.org.uk>

## **Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) – for treatment of minor illnesses**

### **What is CPCS?**

When you call us, our receptionists will ask about your symptoms. If your symptoms indicate that you can be helped by a pharmacist, you will be offered a same-day private consultation with a community pharmacist.

Pharmacists are qualified healthcare professionals and experts in medicines. They can offer clinical advice and over-the-counter medicines for all sorts of minor illnesses, and a same day consultation can be arranged quickly and at a time to suit you. This in turns frees up GP appointments for those people with more complex symptoms who really need to see a GP.

### **How does it work?**

We will forward your details to the pharmacist, along with details of your minor illness. The pharmacist will contact you to arrange your consultation on the same day, or at a time that suits you. You may be seen in person in a private consulting room if the pharmacist thinks it appropriate, or your consultation may be carried out over the phone or via video. You will be asked about your medical history and symptoms and current medication, in the same way the GP would ask you about them. Usually, the pharmacist will provide you with advice and can recommend an over the counter product if needed. Details of your consultation with them will be sent to us for our records.

If the pharmacist feels you need to be seen by a GP urgently, they will call us to ensure you are seen, or they will advise you to contact the hospital Emergency Department if deemed necessary. You may also be referred back to us to arrange a non-urgent appointment or follow up.

### **Why is this a good thing for patients?**

Community pharmacies are local, can be open longer hours than us and can offer you the same consultation outcome at a time that is convenient for you. If the pharmacist thinks you need to see a GP, they can help arrange an urgent appointment for you. Patients who have already used this service liked the convenience of having a consultation on the same day, or a day that suited them, at a pharmacy of their choice.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on 01223 627743 or email me [sandra.east@nhs.net](mailto:sandra.east@nhs.net)

Sandra East, Head of Patient Services

### **Kidney Cancer UK(Ab.)**

The Best Kept Secret in The Abingtons...

Did you know that Kidney Cancer UK is the national charity local to you? We are not a large charity but have a very big family around the UK. We have over 20 years of experience helping and supporting patients and their families affected by Kidney Cancer, which is the seventh most common Cancer in the UK. We give our best support and care, free of charge; an example of this is our free Counselling Service; our mission is to provide a feeling that we are with them, and we are beside them. They are not alone in their difficult and painful path with this Cancer.

As well as offering free Counselling Services, we run a UK wide Telephone Support Line. Here, patients and their families can speak directly to one of our Health Professional Team members about any concerns. Apart from providing dedicated patient support, we do as an organisation fund projects into researching the cause and treatment for the condition of Kidney Cancer.

Why not look us up? [www.kcuk.org.uk](http://www.kcuk.org.uk) or telephone 01223 870 008

We can be found at The Old Granary, Abington Park Farm, Great Abington. We will look forward to meeting you!

## Rosie Hospital

Our profits through Rosie in Stitches are over £500 so far in 2022. Rosie in Stitches will be at the **Bar Hill Community Market** again from **10.30am on Saturday 7th May** with gifts or mascots for Father's Day and any other forthcoming event. We are continuing to join marketplace events on Facebook details are on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/RosieinStitches/>

We would like to thank everybody who has helped us by buying from or serving at the tea-bar in Clinic 21 of the Rosie since 1985 raising money for the Rosie (and previously the Mill Road) maternity hospital so we could provide facilities and equipment not funded by the NHS. We have recently checked how many volunteers would be able to continue to help with the tea-bar after the pandemic and only 2 felt they could continue helping. Other volunteers had health problems and other commitments. We hope that the Rosie will be able to find a good new use for the tea bar and wish Clinic 21 well.

Our Annual Meeting Report can be found in full on our website. Mary Sanders thanked Chris Cooper for taking over as Treasurer from David Sanders, who had been Treasurer for the last 40 years. Chris has already helped us into the 21st century, by persisting in working with Barclay's to get online access to our accounts. We should give an enormous thank you to Sally Munday, who has been quietly and single-handedly keeping the Teabar stocked with provisions since 1988. We also need to thank all those volunteers who turned up for sessions over the years to keep it open, particularly Elizabeth Bowden who was the mainstay for many years and Ann Laskey, who kept in touch with the volunteers and produced regular rotas. We have not been able to hold in-person stalls selling our goods, but our knitters and crafters have carried on under Avril Williams' guidance, producing lots of beautiful goods, which Avril has been able to sell on-line, raising us much-needed funds, while other methods were impossible. Thank you, Avril. Mary Cooper has been helping me for many years as Secretary, not quite as busy with meeting Minutes as usual.

We are continuing to accept donations of unwanted crafting materials for our crafters to use or for us to sell on eBay. We are still recruiting new crafters to our team, with some lovely toys and cushions received recently.

New members are always welcome, whether to contribute financially, to join our team of crafters or display a small selection of wares. Contact Mary Sanders on 01223 356615 further details are given on our website [www.rosieinstitches.org.uk](http://www.rosieinstitches.org.uk)

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

<i>DATE</i>	<i>9.00 am</i>	<i>10.30 am</i>	<i>pm</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> May		Communion & Parish Nurse Licensing <i>Balsham</i>	
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Communion <i>Weston Colville</i> Morning Worship <i>West Wickham</i>		Evening Prayer <i>West Wrating</i> 6.00pm
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Communion <i>West Wrating</i>	Morning Worship <i>Balsham</i>	
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Communion <i>West Wickham</i> Morning Worship <i>Weston Colville</i>		
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Morning Worship <i>West Wickham</i>	Communion <i>Balsham</i>	

## Church Services for May 2022

DATE	<i>Gt. Abington</i> 	<i>Lt. Abington</i> 	<i>Hildersham</i> 	Readings
1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>10.30am United Service at Balsham</b>			Acts 9.1-6 John 21.1-19
	6.00pm Evensong			
8 <sup>th</sup> May		10.30am Communion		Acts 9.36-end John 10.22-30
15 <sup>th</sup> May			4.00pm Evensong	Acts 11.1-18 John 13.31-35
22 <sup>nd</sup> May			10.30am Communion	Acts 16.9-15 John 5.1-9
29 <sup>th</sup> May	6.00pm Evensong		9.00am BCP Communion	Acts 16.16-34 John 17.20-end

### Church Flower Rota

	<i>Gt. Abington</i>	<i>Lt. Abington</i>	<i>Hildersham</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Betsy Gutteridge and	Carola Wolverton	Elaine Moore
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Maureen Thompson	Carola Wolverton	Rosalinde Gray
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Patsy Randall	Fiona Snell and	Rosalinde Gray
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Patsy Randall	Mrs Hayden-Smith	Kate Huntsman
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Helen Pimblett	Kate Franklin and Marilyn Broadhurst	Kate Huntsman

### 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 hours, please leave a message if no reply - Kim will respond when next on duty.	07498 994205
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