



The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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Photo by Tricia Kennedy
Winning team at Pre-School Village Quiz on 29 April 2022- see page17

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Letter from the Editor

The war in Ukraine reminds us continuously of the terrible suffering inflicted on the Ukrainian people and the devastation to buildings and infrastructure. It has also provided heart-warming examples of the determination that people in the UK and other countries have shown in delivering practical help in Ukraine and in offering homes to refugees (see page 18).

The high cost of living in the UK is causing severe hardship for many families and reminds us that foodbanks are increasingly needed and warrant all the support we can give (page 5).

Many thanks to Rod Willcox who finalised negotiations with oil suppliers for May delivery. The most competitive price quoted was 93.75p plus vat which makes a final price of 98.43p per litre. The order placed was for 44,000 litres.

It became standing room only at the meeting held on 11 May to discuss proposals from the Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership for a pedestrian, cycling and horse-riding greenway through the Abingtons. Residents had serious criticisms of the changes required to already congested and often narrow roads to make special space for non-motorised users. These included safety concerns. To ensure that the GCP fully appreciates the views of Abington residents, the latter are urged to write directly to <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/greenways/linton-greenway>

Please copy comments to the Great and Little Abington Parish Councils (pages 7, 9, 16).

Reports from our County and SCDC and Parish Councils demonstrate continuing developments with road safety and road improvements as well as important decisions on planning, efforts to improve broadband provision (see pages 9, 14, 16). Congratulations to the councillors who were re-elected. There is still a vacancy on the Little Abington PC.

As usual the *News* contains details of the many Club activities and visits on offer. Of special interest are visits to the Open Gardens in Great Abington on and the Midsummer Walk and Picnic, both on Saturday 25 June (pages 5, 9). In addition there are the arrangements for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration from 2 to 5 June set out in a separate leaflet and on pages 5, 14. On Sunday 5 June the village clubs will provide details of what they do, when, and where, and will be delighted to welcome new residents. Our warm thanks to the volunteers who work hard to make all these things happen.

Valerie Silvey

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From the Seven Churches

It seems impossible to imagine that we are halfway through 2022, but what a joy it is to see spring flowers, hear the birds singing and have the longer days.

As we celebrate the changing seasons I recently heard on the radio a folk song by the Byrds with the lyrics taken from Ecclesiastes, 'For everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven'. On a trip to Bury the next day there it was on the radio again. All of us at times in our lives face change, even when we have had a period of stability, including me! Prior to moving here, I spent three years as a curate in the Raddesley group, near Newmarket. And now, after eleven years, I am retiring from this group of parishes with my final service on Sunday 26th June at 10.30am at Balsham church. I plan to take six months off and see where God leads me after that.

It has been a great joy to walk beside so many people over that time. I have completed all the challenges presented with the help of God and have grown in confidence. I have been able to weep with those who weep, and rejoice with those who rejoice.

There is so much happening in our fast-changing world today. Although the pandemic is subsiding, we continue to face climate change and poverty in many parts of our society, and of course the war in Ukraine is never far from our thoughts. But we can respond by being compassionate and showing love to each other. Our churches offer a warm welcome and even a visit to the church when it is empty offers a stillness and much to sustain us when times are difficult. We are all being called to have greater resilience as we work together in the future.

May I wish you all a very happy Jubilee weekend. I look forward to seeing you all as I go about my daily life. Every blessing

Revd. Kathy Bishop

Carers Week 2022

Carers Week 2022 is from 6 to 12 June. The week is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges people looking after a family or friend face and recognise the contribution they make to communities.

The theme for Carers Week 2022 is 'Make caring visible, valued and supported'. Caring Together have a range of activities, workshops and information sessions planned throughout the week. There are also fun activities planned for young carers in the half-term week before Carers Week.

If you look after a family member or friend, see how you can get involved. Find out more at caringtogether.org/news/carers-week-events-activities-countdown If you know of someone looking after a family member or friend who would benefit from support, please contact Caring Together on 03452 410 954, at hello@caringtogether.org or see caringtogether.org

If you would like monthly updates on the support available to carers, you can sign up to 'inside news' from Caring Together by going to <http://www.caringtogether.org/keepintouch>

The Balsham Feast is back! And you are invited...

The Feast is a biennial event bringing our wider communities and villages together with plenty of fun activities for all ages. After a gap in 2020, the Feast returns on 2 July 2022 on the village recreation ground, with donkey rides, crazy golf, inflatables, classic cars, raptors, teddy bear drops and many more activities.

Refreshments are available throughout the day. A café will be serving cakes, tea, coffee and soft drinks and pizzas during the day. Balsham scouts provide a daytime and evening BBQ and the Black Bull runs the bar.

Music includes the Haverhill Silver band, The Balsham Singers, the Cambridge University Ceilidh Band and Life and Soul are back to provide the evening entertainment. Get your dancing shoes on!

All major activities are free of charge. 12.30 -11PM Facebook - @balshamfeast

News from the Pews

At the end of April our churches held their Annual Parochial Church meeting. Revd Iain thanked members of the PCC for their dedicated work throughout the year. Annual Reports were presented of the various work carried out throughout the church year. Copies of these can be viewed in both churches; they are an interesting insight to church life. We currently have 54 members of our community on the electoral roll. Joining the electoral roll confirms your commitment to our churches and to the vision of the church. Our churches serve the community to promote fellowship, trust, faith, and hope, especially in these difficult times.

Prayer Boxes: A prayer team is being established, led by Amanda Goodman and Hannah Threlfall, who will meet on a regular basis with other members of the group, to pray for those who have asked to be added to the prayer list. If you would like your name to be added to this list, please feel free to contact Amanda – amandapaulagoodman@gmail.com 290 009 or Hannah Threlfall – hthrelfall82@gmail.com. Or, alternatively, leave your written prayer in one of the Prayer Boxes which are in both churches.

Our very much used church prayer tables will still be available where on occasion your prayers are added to intercession prayers.

Food Banks: The Food Banks in both of our churches have now inevitably become a necessity. Please help by adding items of food, cleaning materials and toiletries if you possibly can.

Church Car Park: Owing to the ongoing parking problem at Great Abington Church we ask that where possible you park your car in the High Street when attending a church service. However, we completely understand that in some cases parking at the church is necessary.

Platinum Jubilee Church Service: There will be a special service to celebrate this occasion on Sunday 5 June. Please do join us on this very special day which will be followed by a Giant Picnic gathering on the recreation ground next door to the church. We expect the time to be 10.30am. However, Revd Iain has six other churches requesting a similar service on this day and at this time. Watch posters and Village News for time!.

Open Gardens: Entries for this event are nearing completion as the programme needs to be produced. Make a Date **Saturday 25 June**.

Funeral: The funeral of Victor Rieicansky took place at Cam Valley on Friday 22 April. His son Eugene gave a beautiful and interesting tribute detailing Victor's amazing achievements throughout his time in the UK after leaving his Czechoslovakian homeland. After initially working as a technician at The Welding Institute he finally moved on to translating many technical journals. Victor's ashes will be taken to his homeland for burial. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Lynne, son Eugene and two grandsons.

Anne Hall

OPEN GARDENS

SATURDAY 25TH JUNE

ENJOY VISITING LOCAL GARDENS 1.30 to 4.30pm

(THIS YEAR HELD IN GREAT ABINGTON)

GREAT ABINGTON CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR CREAM TEAS. STALLS,

REST AND REFRESHMENT from 2 to 5pm

PROGRAMS AT £3 WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE POST OFFICE AND FROM
CHURCHWARDENS

AN OPPORTUNITY TO 'MIX AND MEET'

The Granta Travel Clinic

If you are planning your summer holidays and need some travel health advice, look no further!

In our dedicated Travel Clinics, our travel nurses will talk to you about where you are going and what may be required. This could include travel vaccinations and other travel health risks that you might like to consider, such as malaria prevention. We will ensure you get your injections at the right time for your trip, and we will also assess the impact of any existing medical conditions on your vaccination requirements.

The first step is to complete one of our Travel Risk Assessment forms so we can assess your risk. Please note that each traveller must complete their own Risk Assessment form.

Once you have completed and returned the form, we will contact you within 7 to 10 days with further instructions. At your appointment, the recommended vaccines or medications will be given and follow up injections planned.

On our website you will find our travel vaccinations price list. We also have a range of travel essentials for sale such as first aid kits, travel adaptors, sun screen, mosquito repellent and chlorine dioxide tablets.

For further information and to complete a Travel Risk Assessment form visit our website www.grantamedicalpractice.co.uk/granta-travel-clinic/

If you do not have access to the internet please feel free to ring our reception team on 0300 234 5555, and they will be happy to help you.

Sandra East, Head of Patient Services
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Kidney Cancer UK(Ab.)

Kidney Cancer UK is hosting a Family Funday on Saturday 30th July. Pop up to Abington Park Farm between midday and 5pm for a Terrific Treasure Hunt, Groom the Goats, some Tasty Treats and lots, lots more. Meet us at the Great Abington Big Weekend on June 5th!

Why not look us up? <https://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

"We wish all the Dads a happy Father's Day with their families. We hope that all our customers have managed to avoid the coronavirus and that their families are all in good health and are looking forward to summer. Thank you for visiting our stall at the Bar Hill Community Market. Our profits through Rosie in Stitches are over £600 so far in 2022.

Rosie in Stitches will be at the

Longstanton Village Market from 10am to 12.30pm on Saturday 4 June

with gifts or mascots for Father's Day and any other forthcoming event

Bar Hill Village Festival On Saturday 2 July from 2pm to 4.30pm

selling toys for all ages

We are continuing to join marketplace events on our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/RosieinStitches/>

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 356 615. Further details are given on our website

www.rosieinstitches.org.uk.

Avril Williams 01954 782431 avril@rosieinstitches.org.uk

ROUTING OF THE LINTON GREENWAY

Meeting held on 11th May 2022

At the Abington Institute

The meeting was opened and both Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership (GCP) representatives, Martin Meehan and Oliver Daffrin, were welcomed.

The meeting was superbly supported by residents of both Abington parishes. It was a lively meeting with residents forcefully expressing their views on the proposed project. There were drawings laid out and Oliver Daffrin talked through the route A, which is claimed to be the preferred one for this project.

After long discussions the meeting closed and Martin Meehan suggested you email him with your comments and objections. He will then summarise and present to the Board in Cambridge. You can do this.

On discussion with our County Councillor it is strongly recommended that all residents write to the GCP Board direct rather than relying solely on Martin.

You can see info and contact information at the following email address

<https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/greenways/linton-greenway>

When you do email please would you copy in the Parish Council so we can keep these comments on file for future consultations.

LAPC Chair: Sheila.bolden@btinternet.com

GAPC Chair: tonyorgee@gmail.com

DUXFORD SATURDAY WORKSHOP

Free Musical Instrument “Taster Morning” at Duxford School, Saturday 2 July

Would you or your child like to play a musical instrument, but you aren't sure which one? Would you like to try out one or more instruments before making up your mind?

If so, Duxford Saturday Workshop Taster Morning is for you!

At this event, experienced tutors and players will help you to have hands-on, practical experience of several instruments. They are available to answer your questions and to help you to decide which instrument is the one for you. This is completely free. There is no need to book in advance, and you do not have to be a current member of the Music Workshop to come along - so just arrive. Of course, if you decide to join us for the next Workshop year (beginning in September) you will be most welcome. Our current membership rate is only £20 per year, with a weekly attendance fee of just £2 for adults and £1 for children. If you need an instrument, items can often be borrowed from our hire stock for the year at low cost (currently £25 per year), meaning that it is possible to gain tuition and experience of playing, for a very modest outlay indeed.

Workshop takes place at Duxford School on Saturday mornings during term-time and is very much about enjoying music-making in a supportive and fun environment. All ages, abilities and experience levels are welcome, and we offer both ensembles and tuition to cater for a wide range of musical interests and tastes.

Instruments included in the Taster Morning are: *Violin, Viola, Cello, Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Cornet, Trombone, Guitar and Ukulele.*

When? Saturday morning 2nd July, 2022 from 11.00-12.15pm

Where? Duxford Primary School, St John's Street, Duxford CB22 4RA.

For further info, see: www.duxfordsaturdayworkshop.org.uk

or email: director@duxfordsaturdayworkshop.org.uk

County and District Council District and County Councillors' Report May 2022

District Council Elections

South Cambridgeshire District Council held elections at the beginning of the May and we're both very pleased to say that both Henry and John were re-elected to represent Linton, Abington, Hildersham, Bartlow, Shudy Camps and Castle Camps for another 4 years.

Regardless of who, if anyone, you voted for, we represent everybody in the constituency on the District Council and are really looking forward to continuing to do so.

The full election results across the whole of South Cambridgeshire are:

Liberal Democrats – 37 councillors

Conservatives – 7 councillors

There are no other political parties represented on the council.

A1307 Upgrades

The next set of upgrades to be implemented on the A1307 is the safer crossing point at the Hildersham junction. This involves putting in a crossing for all non-motorised users (pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders). This has begun already and will be fully completed in the summer.

Vaccination Centres

Some villages in South Cambridgeshire will be hosting mobile vaccination centres in May. These are facilitated by the NHS in conjunction with the local authorities. The full list can

be found at www.thevaccinators.co.uk.

District Council – John Batchelor – johnbatchelor23@gmail.com

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

Help shape policing priorities in your area

Residents across **Cambridgeshire** are being invited to have their say and help shape policing priorities in their area. Following a pilot in Cambridge city, Neighbourhood Policing Teams have launched a new way to influence what officers in your community focus on. This online tool provides a quick and easy way to have your say.

People living in **Cambridge city, East Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire and South Cambridgeshire** are invited to take five minutes to fill out an online survey each quarter so local officers can understand what crime is happening in their area.

Residents are also invited to attend an online meeting each quarter where there will be a presentation on recent policing activity from the team and the results of the survey will be shared. During the meeting neighbourhood teams will be able to listen to concerns, discuss, and allow residents to have an influence on what local police teams tackle.

After the meeting, the team will work on the matters agreed and update residents with progress over the following three months before the process begins again.

Chief Inspector Paul Rogerson, who looks after the neighbourhood teams across the south of Cambridgeshire, said: "Our very genuine desire is to focus our neighbourhood teams on the things that are of the highest risk and concern for our residents. We are also really keen to tell you more about those things you might not realise we do or see us doing.

Online contact will never replace police teams being out on patrol to speak with. However, residents have told us this is a quick, easy and effective means of getting to know your team and shaping what they do."

Residents can fill in the survey here: <https://forms.office.com/r/bYXEZWCb3u>

Residents can also see a list of dates for the online meetings over the next eight months and sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/cambridgeshire-constabulary-14356769797>

Tara Dundon

Senior Communications Officer (South) | Corporate Communications

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Little Abington Parish Council

Linton Greenway

A presentation was given on the proposed routing of the new cycling, pedestrian and horse-riding 'greenway' through the village to a large and vocal audience on 11 May. A report is given elsewhere in the *News* (page 7).

Speedwatch

We have restarted sessions on Cambridge Road and Pampisford Road, and added a new one on Linton Road, with residents from both parts of the village. We always need more volunteers so if you are interested in doing a session or two a month please get in touch with Paddy Keane on 07871 277849.

Parish Councillor vacancy

We are still looking for new parish councillor. If you would like to be actively involved with lobbying for improved active and public transport links to the Abingtons we would welcome you on the council. Please get in touch with Sheila Bolden (details below).

Annual parish meeting on Monday 25 April

This was a valuable opportunity to hear from a number of different organisations who have been busy over the past two years: Dan Eaton from the Papworth Trust, Deborah James from Abington Woods, and Kim Cox, the parish nurse, plus reports from the recreation ground and Abington Institute committees.

Planning decisions

21/05557/HFUL, 23 Bourn Bridge Road: Front, rear and side extensions to house and a single storey garden building. Approved.

22/01038/FUL, The Oval, Four Went Ways, 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. Refused.

Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Held in Abington Institute

Next Meeting: Monday 25 July 2022, Parish Council at 7.15pm

Sheila Bolden (Chairman) 07754 659 929 Email: sheila.bolden@btinternet.com

Jessica Ashbridge (Clerk) Email: clerk.lapc@gmail.com

Next meetings

Monday 25 July

Monday 26 September

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/

Midsummer Walk and Picnic Saturday 25 June 2022

You are invited to join the Walking Group for an easy 5-mile stroll to the Roman Road and back with a break halfway for your picnic. By special arrangement we use some private land with permission from the farmers. To cover insurance there is a charge of £1 per person.

Meet at Little Abington church ready to leave at 6pm. We will be back in the village by 9pm.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Diary for June 2022

Date		Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Wed	1	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
Thu	2	Abington Walking Group	9.50am	12
		Granta Vale Harmony	7.30pm	12
	**	Jubilee events – Abington Recreation Ground	6.30pm	
Fri	**3	Jubilee events – Abington Recreation Ground	2 to 5pm	
Sat	**4	Platinum Big Breakfast – Jeremiah’s Café	9.30am	11
Sun	**5	Jubilee events – Hildersham Recreation Ground	From 12 noon	14
Mon	6	Physio Pilates	2.20pm	11
Tue	7	Art Group	10.00am	19
		Table Tennis	7.30pm	19
Wed	8	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
		Line Dancing	1.00pm	11
Thu	9	Granta Vale Harmony	7.30pm	12
Fri	10	Low impact Aerobics	9.30am	11
		Pilates	10.30am	11
Mon	13	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building	9.30am	11
		Physio Pilates	2.20pm	11
Tue	14	Art Group	10.00am	19
		Tuesday Club	2.00pm	12
		Table Tennis	7.30pm	19
		Reading Group – see page 12 for venue	7.30pm	12
Wed	15	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
		Line Dancing	1.00pm	11
Thu	16	Craft Group	1.30pm	12
		Granta Vale Harmony	7.30pm	12
Fri	17	Low impact Aerobics	9.30am	11
		Pilates	10.30am	11
Sat	18	Abington Walking Group	9.50am	12
Mon	20	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building	9.30am	11
		Social Cycling - meet at 1 Bourn Bridge Road	11.00am	12
		Physio Pilates	2.20pm	11
Tue	21	Art Group	10.00am	19
		Table Tennis	7.30pm	19
Wed	22	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
		Line Dancing	1.00pm	11
Thu	23	Abington Lunch	1.00pm	11
		Granta Vale Harmony	7.30pm	12
Fri	24	Low impact Aerobics	9.30am	11
		Pilates	10.30am	11
Sat	25	Open gardens Great Abington		5
		Midsummer Walk & Picnic (meet at LA church)	6.00pm	9
Mon	27	Rivercare and litter pickup - meet at bridge/ford	9.30am	
		Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building	9.30am	11
Tue	28	Art Group	10.00am	19
		Tuesday Club	2.00pm	12
		Scrabble Club	7.00pm	12
		Table Tennis	7.30pm	19

Wed	29	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
		Line Dancing	1.00pm	11
Thu	30	Granta Vale Harmony	7.30pm	12

****Jubilee events at Abington 2nd to 5th– see separate leaflet for details**

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 June 2022

Thursday lunchtime	11.30am – 1.30pm (2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 30 th .)	Lunch 23 rd
Friday	8.45am – 11.00am (3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th)	
Saturday mornings	10.00am – 12 noon (4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th)	

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

Platinum Big Breakfast at Jeremiah's Café from 9.30am on 4 June. Booking advised.

Call Gaynor Farrant on 07817 517 871 or email gaynorfarrant198@btinternet.com

Wheelie bin dates for June 2022 (Abingtons and Hildersham)

Tue 7	Mon 13	Mon 20	Mon 27
Black	Green/Blue	Black	Green/Blue

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.

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

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

Line Dancing - Wednesdays 1pm to 2.30pm, term time at Abington Institute

Qualified line dance instructor, Lisa Mason, now runs drop-in classes suitable for all ages and levels, and welcomes beginners to intermediate level. Bring a drink and suitable shoes. Contact email 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

Abington Gardening Club

The club talks have finished for the summer but there are garden visits to look forward to. On 21 June there is a visit to No 5 Parklands Green, Fornham St. Genevieve near Bury St. Edmunds leaving the Institute at 1.15pm. Please contact me if you wish to go or need a copy of the visit programme.

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

Social Cycling

The next ride will be on Monday 20 June starting at 11.00am from 1 Bourn Bridge Road. Gaynor Farrant 07817 517 871 or gaynorfarrant198@btinternet.com

Abington Walking Group

Our May walks were to Steeple Bumpstead and Ickleton. Your June strolls are on Thursday 2nd, Saturday 18th and our special Midsummer walk and picnic will be on Saturday 25th and starts from Little Abington Church at 6pm.(see page 9).



The regular walks depart from the Institute at 10am by shared transport to the walk venue. We would welcome more walkers to join us – we are not an exclusive group !

The countryside is looking magnificent just now.

For further information please contact:

Robin Harman on 891730 or robandkayharman@gmail.com

George Woodley on 891169 or ge29gew@gmail.com

Reading Group

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
9 August	<i>Sweet, Sweet Revenge</i> Jonas Jonasson	Bev Dennis

We will meet at 7.30pm at Valerie's to discuss *The Night She Disappeared*.

Please confirm attendance to me.

We would welcome new members. If interested email me: vhefford@yahoo.co.uk

Valerie Hefford

Scrabble Club

The next meeting of the Scrabble Club will be on Tuesday 28 June at 7pm in the Institute. We will use the meeting room and can overflow into the café area and maintain a safe distance. New members very welcome to this friendly group.

Sheena Fraser

The Tuesday Club (formerly the Forget-Me-Not Club).

Activities planned for the June meetings are as follows:

Tuesday, 14 June at 2pm.

Join Joan for trying out some chair exercises. No special clothing or equipment required.

Tuesday, 28 June at 2pm. Kelly Austin will give a talk on her role as Social Navigator.

(TBC)

Please contact me for any further information.

Jenny Milns (890 252).

Abington Craft Group

The next meeting will be on Thursday 16 June, 1.30-4.30pm at Abington Institute. All welcome. Light refreshments provided. Small fee of £2 per session to cover costs. Email- Glynis.brookman@btinternet.com or telephone 07970 614 194.

Granta Vale Harmony

Granta Vale Harmony is a mixed *a capella* 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

Abington & Hildersham Women's Institute

A big thank you to all who supported our Cake & Plant stall in May. At our meeting Fiona Rose gave an excellent illustrated talk about Mexican artist Frida Kahlo, born in 1907, who led a turbulent and often tragic life. Aged 18, she suffered terrible injuries in a bus accident which caused her lifelong pain and medical problems. She joined the Communist party and met Diego Rivera (20 years older). They married in 1929 but Diego had many lovers, including Frida's sister. Frida longed for a child but had 2 abortions due to her damaged pelvis. She also had lovers, including Trotsky. Painting became her passion, and she developed her own style of realism/surrealism based on her life experiences, often unflinching, graphic and gory. She had exhibitions in Paris, Mexico and the USA but struggled to make a living. She was very productive in the 1940s but her spinal surgery failed and she became addicted to morphine and largely bedridden. In 1953 her right leg was amputated and in 1954 she died, aged 47. In 2021 her self-portrait 'Diego and I' sold for \$35million.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 7 June 7.30pm: Group Meeting with Balsham & Linton WIs to be held in Linton Parish Church. Bryan Thurlow will give an entertaining talk entitled "The perennial Mr. Potter – a poignant story of a Suffolk gardener", followed by a table competition and refreshments. This event is free to Abington WI members and transport can be arranged.

Summer Coach Outing to Beth Chatto's Plants & Gardens, Suffolk

Abington Women's Institute is organising a village trip to visit Beth Chatto Gardens on Wednesday 27 July, leaving Abington Institute at 10.30am and returning at 5pm. The cost for non-WI members is £22, which includes coach travel and entry to the gardens. Take packed lunch or buy light refreshments in Chatto's tearooms, then tour the gardens at leisure and enjoy a cup of tea before leaving for home.

Beth Chatto OBE was an award-winning plantswoman, author and lecturer. In 1960 she took an overgrown 7.5acre wasteland of brambles, parched gravel and boggy ditches, and transformed it using plants adapted by nature to thrive in different conditions: right plant, right place, creating an inspirational, informal garden. 80% of the plants for sale are raised from the Gardens' stock.

Please contact Marilyn Broadhurst tel. 893214 / email broadhurstmarilyn@gmail.com or Gill Smith tel. 892759 email randg.smith@btinternet.com if you are interested in coming on this outing.

Abington Bowls Club

Returning after a two - year pandemic pause, ABC have hit the ground running. In the Cambridge & District League Division 4 we are, in American parlance, 2 for 2, Melbourn and Duxford being our victims. Early days, of course, but encouraging.

By the time you read this we should have played two more. I will report each game on the Abington Village Facebook group site. Also, the result of the latest game will be shown on a board hanging on the wall by the green (which is on the High St in Little Abington). If you are really keen you can go to the C&D website and track our progress.

www.cambridge-and-districtbowls.co.uk. Click on LEAGUES, then LEAGUE DIV 4 to find the table. Scroll down to find our results.

If you are passing while we are playing, do come and watch. And if you want to join, do let us know. We shall be on show at the Rec. on Sunday 5 June, during the Jubilee festivities – come and have a go. You might have hidden talents.

June home games are on Tue 7th, Tue 14th, Fri 17th, Th 28th, Fri 29th starting at 6.30 pm.

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.

Hildersham News

Hildersham's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

Sunday 5 June, from 12 noon on the recreation ground.

A fabulous opportunity for family, friends, and neighbours to join together for an afternoon of free, fun-filled activities and live music. There will be lots to enjoy:

- Adult and children's competitions for Jubilee-themed cakes, arts and crafts.
- Best-dressed house competition.
- Live music from Keith Parker, who will also host an interactive event – learn to play the harmonica!
- Duck racing, family races, ice-creams.

Bring your own picnic blankets, chairs, table, food and drink and celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in good, traditional village style.

Competition entry forms can be found on the flyer or email jenny.logan@btinternet.com for further information.

Jill Heale, on behalf of the planning committee

Childrens' Church Council (CCC) News

The children were very excited to see that the birds of Hildersham had a number of new residences in the churchyard and the old school wood. A map of the churchyard, painted by the children, will soon be in place. The position of each new residence will be marked, as will the bug hotels, which will be constructed at our next meeting in June, together with the location of a hedgehog house very kindly donated by a member of the PCC.

Our meeting in May allowed us the opportunity to create a collage reminding us of how we journeyed through Lent and how we might continue to keep important issues such as 'Justice and Freedom' at the forefront of our lives.

We hope that Bishop Stephen, who came to preach in Hildersham Church in May, enjoyed looking at the board, as well as relishing the cream teas after the service.

We are also hoping that our wildflowers will be making an appearance in the areas that were created last year and we are preparing some illustrated boards to inform visitors of the flowers within the meadow.

Several village residents and members of the PCC tackled the ivy on the many beautiful trees in the churchyard, and the old school wood, to further promote biodiversity and environmental health.

Hildersham Parish Council

Report on the Hildersham Parish Council AGM meeting held on 10th May 2022.

All five Parish councillors were elected unopposed as Hildersham Parish councillors. Henry Batchelor will continue to represent the parish as a District and County Councillor and John Batchelor will continue as the second District Councillor.

The Parish Council continues to raise concerns about the safety of the High Street/Back Road/Balsham Road crossroads. The council aims to get the road markings and signage improved, making drivers more aware that vehicles need to stop at this junction. Ideally the council would like more significant changes to be made to improve safety and reduce the number of accidents at this junction.

As a consequence of the work to improve the A1307/Beech Row and Pampisford Road/A1307 junctions two new bus shelters will be installed either side of the A1307. These shelters will include lighting and a digital display of bus arrival times.

Defibrillator training is being arranged for any Hildersham residents interested in learning how to use the equipment, please look out for the date on the notice board. In the event of a cardiac emergency, the defibrillator does issue clear instructions to the equipment user, so that anyone can use it.

The Council has applied for a Platinum Jubilee Community Chest grant to contribute towards the creation and installation of a pictorial map of walks around Hildersham on a lectern style sign. The council plans to install this near the entrance to the Recreation Ground.

The Recreation Ground Trust and Field Garden Trust meeting is usually held after each Parish Council meeting. The land previously administered by the parish council, including the allotments, the Recreation Ground, North and South Holding, will be managed by the Trusts.

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

The next meeting of Hildersham Parish Council will be on Tuesday 12th July 2022 in Hildersham Village Hall. Information is on the Parish Council's website: <https://hildershamparishcouncil.org.uk>.

Girlguiding Linton District

What a couple of months it has been! March saw our Rangers and Guides take part in an incident hike organised by Cambridge University Scouts and Guides. An event enjoyed by all who came. Our Trefoil members visited the fire station in Linton and had a really interesting evening. They also celebrated a 90th birthday with lovely cake and lively conversation. Our wonderful Jarman Centre in Newmarket had its annual bank holiday Easter fun day for families to enjoy and by the time you read this will have had its big car boot sale on the 22 May.

The beautiful snowdrops outside our hut in Linton have now disappeared again until they reappear next spring.

Our units are getting ready to have their pack holidays, overnights and Summer camps and the Rainbows are getting ready to go wild in June. There are 12 counties that make up our region of Anglia and our county is Cambs east. The county organised a huge county wide event called 'survive to thrive' at the beginning of May and all our girls had a go at activities such as a silent disco, getting knotty and going on a picture scavenger hunt.



As you will see from the photo the cream egg chicks made for Easter look yummy...



@Lintondistrict or like us on Facebook
www.Girlguiding.org.uk/interested
lintondistrict@gmail.com

or contact Louisa Powell-Owens on 07711614328

Annual Parish Meeting

At the Annual Parish Meeting on 16 May reports were received from the Chairman, County and District Councillors and representatives of the Planning, Recreation Ground and Institute Management committees. There were updates on the e-bike project, a new Parish Council website and the broadband project. The meeting was followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting at which Tony Orgee was re-elected as chairman

The Linton Greenway

A reminder for those who attended the meeting with representatives of the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) about the routing of the Linton Greenway through the Abingtons that the contact details for written comments is: contactus@greatercambridge.org.uk reference: Linton Greenway. Please copy the Parish Council into any correspondence harper802@btinternet.com

For more information see <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/greenways/lintongreenway>

Shared e-bikes based at Institute.

A reminder that there are two bizbike e-bikes 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

Broadband update

A site meeting is being held with representatives of Connecting Cambridgeshire, Gigaclear and the community to look at the former LSA with a view to identifying a solution for laying cables without disrupting the roads or verges. Currently there is a resource issue with the lead contractor which is hoped to be resolved soon. The Gigaclear team are in the process of finalising cabinet locations with Highways in readiness to start work as soon as the resources have been secured. More information on Project Gigabit <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-launches-new-5bn-project-gigabit>

Planning

Please attend a planning meeting if you would like to make a comment that we can consider in our debate before agreeing on the Parish Council's recommendation to SCDC. If you have views on a planning application, you should also make your comment on the South Cambs. website (link below) as this will ensure that the planners take your view into consideration in their decision-making. For more information on the applications below, use the reference given at: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/planning/view-or-comment-on-a-planning-application/>

Parish Council - applications received

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

22/01272/FUL – 33 South Road - Demolition of existing haystore and erection of a single detached dwelling including all associated external works and re-instatement of granny annexe to stables/ancillary buildings servicing 33 South Road.

22/01573/HFUL – 15, Pampisford Road. Single storey side extension

22/01471/HFUL – 141 High Street. Single storey rear extension to replace conservatory and single storey front porch extension.

22,01556/S73 – 3 Pampisford Rd. S73 to vary condition 1 of ref: S/3387/RM , to amend the design of Plot 3, alter the boundary layout of Plots 2, 3 and 4.

District Council outcomes

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 SCDC approved

21/05216/HFUL – Plot 3 – Land Rear Of Strawberry Farm Pampisford Road Great Abington Cambridgeshire CB21 6AQ . Installation of outdoor swimming pool, ancillary pool house and associated infrastructure and works SCDC approved

21/05296/FUL – Land north of 100 High Street – demolish garage and erect 2 storey dwelling. SCDC approved

Great Abington Parish Council Meetings

Held in Abington Village Institute

Tony Orgee (Chairman) tonyorgee@gmail.com

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

Next Parish Council meeting: Monday 18th July at 7.15pm

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)

Abington Pre-School and Out of School club

Congratulations to "Gwil's Giants" the winning team at the village quiz night! Well done, Ellen, Tess, Gaetan, Kate, Dan, Stuart and Gwil. See cover photo.

Along with eight other teams the evening raised an amazing £322 for Abington Pre-school and Out of School Club.

Thanks very much to the Abington Annexe Fundraising Team, especially Graham and Tricia Kennedy for running the quiz, Mary Thexton and Ruth Beach for cooking, The Three Tuns for providing the rice, and the amazing kitchen team of Rachael, Kirsty, Katie, Emma, Chloe, Ci and Carol.

Would you like to join our fundraising team? Please contact us on 01223 894 246.

Ruth Beach

Public Art Commission – Granta Park

As part of our recently approved proposals for the Zone 2 Development at Granta Park we are seeking to bring forward a bespoke Public Art commission. We aim for this to form an integral part of the wider scheme and promote strong sustainability and biodiversity credentials. We hope to form a steering group comprising members of the wider community who share an interest in the arts. The steering group, in liaising with our art consultants, will help inform the artist brief and be part of the artist selection process. The process will involve several in-person and virtual meetings, workshops and interviews.

If you are interested in participating in this process please contact heidi.sharp@bidwells.co.uk and include a brief description of your interest and experience in the arts and the local community. Application deadline: 5pm on Friday 17 June 2022.

Ukrainian Guests in Abington

Abington has a support group for displaced Ukrainians. There are currently 16 households involved in Great and Little Abington; six of these households are offering to host guests and 10 households are offering support.

Two hosting households have received their guests and four are in the process of seeking a match. The guests that have arrived are two university students and a family of five.

I have been involved in the Ukrainian Reception Centre at Stansted airport and have been impressed with the courtesy and standard of English of all arrivals from Ukraine. Considering they have left almost everything behind, including loved ones, they all show a positive outlook. The hosts are providing “domestic” care and the support households are assisting with transport, arranging health care, shopping, introduction to the community and English culture, also both hosts and supporters are involved with arranging the formalities of citizenship in England. As our guests settle into the Abington community they will be seen in the village and are really keen to be involved and are interested in the village activities. Do speak with them to ensure an “Abington welcome”.

To support Granta4Ukraine please contact: <https://forms.gle/3T9iSNuKWun4Pmju8>

Anton King

Sawston Fun Run attracts one of its highest turnouts

The Sawston Fun Run exceeded expectations on Sunday 8th May with 1,115 entrants for the two charity fun runs. Organised by the Rotary Club of Cambridge Sawston, it attracted one of the highest turnouts in its thirty-six-year history. Expectations are that over £15,000 will be generated, taking the cumulative total close to £510,000 that has been donated to local charities and organisations. Elite runners, social runners and families completed either the 7.4k run or the shorter 4K route for walkers and the race for school years 1-6. The fine weather attracted large crowds who lined the streets, and, with the Sawston Youth Group Band and the local Samba Band in the High Street, gave encouragement to walkers and runners alike and generated a carnival atmosphere.

Trophies were presented by the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire, Jennifer Crompton. The overall winner was Andrew Mynott in a time of 24.31 minutes and the winning female was Isabella Shorten, a student at Sawston Village College in 29.27minutes. The first boy from the college was Mathew Smith who came first in his school year 7-11 category. Other winners were school years 1-6 Craig Calver and Amelie Crawford, 17–39-year-olds: Chris Kelly and Suzy Tautz, 40–54-year-olds: Andrew Mynott and Hannah Cooke and 55+ year olds: Shane Cahill and Chloe Brown.

The biggest beneficiaries will be **East Anglia’s Children’s Hospice [EACH]** at Milton, Cambridge, **and Rowan**, a local charity that supports adults with learning disabilities.

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

DATE	9.00 am	10.30 am	pm
5 th June	Communion <i>West Wickham</i>	Jubilee Morning Worship <i>Balsham</i> <i>Weston Colville</i> <i>West Wrating</i>	
12 th June	Communion <i>Weston Colville</i> Morning Worship <i>West Wickham</i>		Evening Prayer <i>West Wrating 6.00pm</i>
19 th June	Communion <i>West Wrating</i>		
26 th June		Communion <i>Balsham</i>	

Village organisations

Name	Contact	Phone Number
Abington Institute – Chairman	Bernie Talbot	892 647
Abington Institute – Bookings	Dianne Dawson	07591 064 310
Abington and Hildersham WI	Marianne Perry	893 956
Abington Allotment Assoc. (AALGA)	Brian Hayden-Smith	894 046
Abington Gardening Club	Kay Harman	891 730
Abington History Group	Jennifer Hirsh	893 352
The Abington Group (Ladies)	Freda Orgee	891 464
Forget-Me-Not Club	Jennifer Milns	890 252
Helping Hands	Helen Pimblett	891 746
Art Group	Lois Bull	893 491
Italian	Rachel Haining	892 004
Naturewatch	David Farrant	892 871
Reading Group	Valerie Hefford	890 544
Scrabble Club	Sheena Fraser	893 336
Abington Walking Group	Robin Harman, George Woodley	891 730 891 169
Sport and Youth activities		
Low Impact Aerobics/Pilates	Disa Bennett	07798 754 029
Physio Pilates	Christina Heinz	
Yoga	Joan Graham	890 629
Table Tennis	Raj Sangha	07803 786 905
Abington Social Cycling	Gaynor Farrant	07817 517 871
Dynamic Dance Theatre School	Esme Watts	07719 816 548
Abington Cricket Club	David Pimblett	891 746
Abington United Football Club	Denis Tiplady	290 646
Abington Aztecs (Football)	Malcolm Peters	07860 863 723
Abington Bowls Club	Graham Ross	891 564
Abington Social Club	Christine Hammond Rick Stock	891 777 07768 707 567
Keep Fit	Gill Dowden	893 533
Abington School PTFA (Chair)	Cory Rivers	07964 191 698
Abington Out-of-School (GAPS)	Georgina Blyth	894 246
Abington Pre-school	Angela Lindsay	894 246
Baby and Toddler Group	Office	894 246
Abington Scouts, Cubs and Beavers	Ruth Beach	894 461
Linton Netball Club	Angela Bridgeman	07729 879 300

Contacts for village organisations on page 19 – If I have not listed the persons currently involved, please let me know so the list can be updated. Ed.

Church Services for June 2022

DATE	<i>Gt. Abington</i> 	<i>Lt. Abington</i> 	<i>Hildersham</i> 	Readings
5th June Pentecost	10.30 am Jubilee Morning Worship		10.30am Communion	
12th June Trinity Sunday		10.30am Communion		
19th June			10.30am Morning Worship	
26th June	10.30am United	Communion	In Balsham	

Church Flower Rota

	<i>Gt. Abington</i>	<i>Lt. Abington</i>	<i>Hildersham</i>
5th June	Helen Pimblett	Kate Franklin and Marilyn Broadhurst	Gwen Cutter
12th June	Gillian Treanor	Freda Orgee	Gwen Cutter
19th June	Gillian Treanor	Freda Orgee	Amanda Palmer
26th June	Annette Thomson	Kay Harman and June Waring	Amanda Palmer

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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