

# **The Abingtons** and Hildersham **News**



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Photo by David Simmons Scarecrow Festival: HRH The Princess of Wales, frightening nobody at the Pre-School

# From the Editor

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Our villages are regularly described as 'highly sought after' by estate agents, because of the M11, Stansted, local schools, proximity to Cambridge, etc., but the articles in this issue of the *News* show what aspects of village life are really important for the people who live here. Along with the sadness of saying goodbye to fellow villagers (page 5), we have the happiness of events that bring people together, including the Scarecrow Festival, the charity football fundraiser (page 9), the return of Hildersham's popular rolling supper (page 20) and the prospect of a Summer Tea – this larger issue has been the opportunity to highlight some of these events with a colour section (see the centre pages).

I would like to thank all the contributors, regular and new, who responded to the early deadline to make sure that this issue covers two months of village life and events. My particular thanks go to Valerie Silvey for her excellent advice about how to put this special issue together.

Look out for updates about activities on the village Facebook page and website (page 6). Until September, I wish us all a long, sunny and happy summer.

Sally Simmons

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## From the Seven Churches

Summer can be a wonderful time for celebrations! At the time of writing, I'm looking forward to taking my children to the June Revels at the Meadow Primary School, Balsham, a really enjoyable occasion. We also have a number of weddings to look forward to in our group of churches over the summer. I feel wedding celebrations can have a ripple effect of joy in the community around them; a celebration of love, hope and faith that is both deeply personal and draws in a community of people who promise to uphold the couple in their lives together.

Then there are the numerous summer festivals. I'm a particular fan of the Christian festival Greenbelt, held on the August bank holiday weekend, with its focus on arts, activism and faith. We've been going as a family for many years and in the words of Pádraig Ó Tuama, an Irish poet and theologian who regularly speaks at Greenbelt, it provides for many a 'sacrament of green'. It also creates, for those few days around that bank holiday weekend, a special community that debates, prays, and enjoys a party together!

Indeed, the Christian faith has long been rooted in this kind of community. Rowan Williams, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, said that when reading the gospels, you sometimes get the impression that if anywhere in ancient Galilee you heard a loud noise and a lot of laughter and talking and singing, you could be reasonably sure Jesus of Nazareth was nearby. His indiscriminate generosity and willingness to mix with people considered unsuitable by some parts of his society were vividly recollected by the gospel writers. Jesus sought out company, and the effect of his presence was to create a celebration, to bind people together.

Speaking of celebrating community, I'm delighted to announce that Hannah Threlfall, whom some of you may know as an ordinand, or minister-in-training, has recently taken on the role of Community Minister in our parishes for two days a week. This role will include pastoral care for people and supporting local initiatives that encourage community, compassion and faith. Our ministry team looks forward to supporting Hannah in this exciting new role. Please do ask Hannah more about it if you see her around. Revd lain McColl

# **PTFA Update**

The Summer Fayre took place on 16 June and was a wonderful success, with members of both the school and local community coming together to celebrate. This year was the first year our school's Summer Fayre has been sponsored and the PTFA would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to Arkwright & Co for their support and generosity in being our first sponsor. The Fayre is a key event in our calendar and a lot of time and effort is put into arranging and organising it each year, so a big thank you also to ALL who have volunteered their time, made donations to our raffle or turned up on the day to provide their support.

#### School Disco, Friday 7 July

A fun way to celebrate the end of another summer term at school. Further details on this upand-coming event will be released by the school communications at the beginning of the month.

We hope you all enjoy a restful and fun-filled summer break and look forward to seeing you at future events when we return in the autumn. Joanna Chapman

### **News from the Pews**

Sadly, in this month's news we report the passing of three well-known and loved members of our community, all of whom will be remembered for a very long time. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families at this sad time.

**David William Percival, 'Dave'.** Dave passed away on 15 May following a long illness where he showed huge endurance throughout. Following a motorcycle accident at the age of 17, Dave spent the rest of his life in a wheelchair. This accident encouraged him to spend his life raising money for various charities and taking part in numerous challenges himself with great tenacity. His funeral took place at the Cam Valley Crematorium on 6 June with many friends and relatives attending. It was a moving ceremony with Dave himself sending a final message of love to his family and beloved wife Bronwen via video.

**Bronwen writes:** 'As Dave's wife, I would like to express my deepest and most sincere thanks to all the wonderful people of the Abingtons who have supported Dave and myself since we moved here in 2008. To see so many neighbours and friends from the villages at his funeral was truly moving. Despite Dave's periods of poor health he always remained positive and cheerful and used to love to stop and chat to people in the villages when he was out on his mobility scooter walking our dog. He very much enjoyed his time on Great Abington Parish Council and used to be so proud to live somewhere that had such a strong supporting community and a true desire to love and help thy neighbour. I would especially like to thank those at Love Abington, Rosemary and Len Mead, the Revd Ben Brady and Claire and Kim, our former parish nurses. Also all the friends who came round to keep Dave company when I needed to go out and he was too poorly to be left alone and to Annie who took on the responsibility of walking Zack in the weeks leading up to and following Dave's death. I know that your friendship, support and kindness to me will be ongoing and I thank each and every one of you for that too.'

**William (Bill) Bishop.** Bill passed away on 25 April. Bill and his wife Mary moved to West Field in 1980 when it was still under construction, and lived there for 41 years. Sadly Mary passed away in 2010, after battling with a recurrence of breast cancer. Bill continued to live in Abington until the difficult decision was made to move to a care home in Norwich, near to his nephew Nick, in 2021. He always enjoyed visits to The Three Tuns to meet and chat with friends, and continued to visit from Norwich every couple of months with help from his nephew and friends Teresa and John, until ill-health and frailty prevented him. Bill claimed to be The Three Tuns' most loyal customer, having first been a customer in 1946 when he was served a soft drink while camping with the Cub Scouts! Both Bill and Mary worked at TWI. Bill working in the printing section inspired him to move to Plumridge Printers, where he worked for 30 years until his retirement in 2000. His funeral was held in Little Abington Church on 14 June followed by interment with Mary in the graveyard. Bill was a very positive, jovial and friendly man and is very sadly missed by all his family and friends.

**Dee Young.** Dee was only 41 years old when she passed away on 13 May. Dee leaves a daughter, Ellie, whom she lived with in Church Close. Members of Love Abington helped in various ways to support Dee throughout her illness along with her mother, Jackie. Love Abington and members of the community helped Jackie arrange

a wake in the Village Institute, epitomising the work of Love Abington and village friendship.

Jackie Palmer, Dee's mother, writes: 'A lot of you know that my daughter Dee Young recently passed away after fighting cancer for the past year. While I was nursing my daughter, a lot of the village rallied round to offer support and any help they could. I was absolutely overwhelmed by the love, kindness and support that the people of Abington showed to my daughter and myself while I was nursing her at home. I would like to thank Guy, who brought a pony round to see her as she had a love of horses, and Jayne and Andy Gambie who really supported and looked after us. I would also like to thank Rosemary Mead and Tony Orgee, who kindly gave advice and help for some difficult decisions that needed to be made. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came to Dee's funeral and the gettogether afterwards and again would like to thank Rosemary Mead and Carol who organised the hall and refreshments for us.

Abington is a beautiful village which my daughter absolutely loved living in, and I can certainly see why. You are all kind caring people who were there for us in the most difficult circumstances and I was amazed by the sense of community there is in Abington. You are an amazing village and I will never forget the love and support given to me and my little family. Thank you all. Never let the community spirit die, as that is what makes you unique.'

#### Village events

The **Scarecrow Festival** was once again a successful event (see cover and centre pages). Our sincere thanks to all those who took the time to take part. All the scarecrows were so very different and very clever. A difficult task indeed but very much appreciated.

The ever-popular Vicarage Garden Party will be held on Saturday 22 July 2.00–4.30pm. Do join us for tea and scones, side stalls and raffle. On Saturday 9 September we are holding an entertaining evening with Gail Stuart, the daughter of Eric Morecambe. We are sure you can imagine the fun and laughter living with such a funny father! We will also be entertained by our very own Glams Choir. Tickets will be on sale from mid-August.

### **Mobile Library**

The mobile library comes to Hildersham on the second Tuesday and to the Abingtons on the fourth Tuesday of every month and stops at the following places:

Hildersham, High Street 9.40–10.20	West Field, Little Abington 9.40–10.20
Next dates: Tuesday 11 July; Tuesday 8	The Shop, Great Abington 10.30–11.00
August	Magna Close, Great Abington 11.05–11.30
	Granta Park, Great Abington 12.00–1.15
	Next dates: Tuesday 25 July; Tuesday 22
	August

#### 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.

# **Rotary appeal for Ukraine**

A collection for the people of Ukraine will be held by Saffron Walden Rotary on Saturday 15 July from 9.00am until 12.30pm at the Abington School playground, as in the previous two collections. There is a dire need for basic food, household, toiletries and health supplies. As the war continues families are losing their homes and possessions and are often without a breadwinner for the family. This creates a need for everyday food items, shoes, clothes, especially underwear, toiletries, all types of personal washing and shampoo items, sanitary towels and sanitary pads. Items for children include nappies for babies and colouring books and school supplies for young children.

The aid that the Rotary Club has been collecting over the last year is delivered to the Felsted based charity UK-Aid, which takes it to distribution centres in Moldova and Ukraine for the benefit of refugee and dispossessed families in those countries. Many hundreds of families have been helped, but many more are still in need.

Cash donations to assist in transportation costs are also accepted and these can also be made at the Rotary collection point in cash or by credit card on 15 July.

The collections at Abington have received tremendous support from local people and those from surrounding villages so it is hoped that we will get a good response again for those living in such hardship.

Rotary Saffron Walden is very appreciative of all the support it gets in its many different fundraising efforts. Tony Collett

# Ukrainian Community in Abington

A member of the Ukrainian community returned to Ukraine in June, so there are now 11 guests in the Abingtons. Guests in Abington and surrounding villages have been visiting relatives in Europe, including Ukraine. Two Ukrainians, one from Abington and one from Linton, have started volunteering with the Shetland Pony Welfare Trust to assist with the development of a pony therapy project. Anyone in the Abingtons and Hildersham who is interested in hosting or would like further information can contact the following local hosts for an informal conversation:

Nick and Julia Rumble, 07732-647752 and njcambs@gmail.com

Marilyn Broadhurst, 07855-182726 and broadhurstmarilyn@gmail.com

Jane Furlow, 07745-046921 and jane.furlow@gmail.com

For general information about hosting, contact South Cambs Homes for Ukraine: Text ROOM to 88802. Information is also available from HFULiasion@cambs.gov.uk, tel. 01954 713411 and South Cambs District Council (scambs.gov.uk – search\_Spare Rooms for People from Ukraine). Anton King

### Safe cycling on the Pump Track

With the school summer holidays fast approaching, we expect to see increasing use of our pump track. Riders, and parents of younger riders, are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure the safety of all track users. Helmets should be worn at all times. Please ensure that your bike is in good working order, remember that riders already on track have the right of way, and please keep to the track. We hope all riders stay safe and have a great summer. *Abington Recreation Ground Committee* 

# Abington Pump Track Flying Lap Competition

To celebrate the first anniversary of the opening of our village pump track we held our first ever event on 25 May. The competitors were timed over a flying lap. Cyclists and scooter riders completed a warm-up lap and approached the start line at speed. They were timed for one lap and the results presented on a leader board.

### Cyclists

Adult male: Darren Foreman 10.50 secs

Teen male: Jake Alda 12.41 secs

Male child: 1st Reuben Mannion 11.35 secs; 2nd Harry Byatt 15.81 secs, 3rd Jake Byatt 17.21 secs

Male youngster: 1st Phoenix Mannion 23.13 secs, 2nd Olivien Janin 19.81 secs. Female child: Elizabeth Bailey 19.47 secs

Female youngster: 1st Imogen Mannion 17.09 secs, 2nd Olivia Mannion 17.85 secs. *Scooters* 

Teen male: Jake Alda 13.97 secs

Male child: 1st Alex Alda 13.91 secs, 2nd Reuben Mannion 13.97 secs, 3rd Harry Byatt 16.72, 4th Jake Byatt 17.75 secs.

Male youngster: 1st Phoenix Mannion 16.22 secs, 2nd Theo Jackson 16.43 secs

We were fortunate to have the assistance of Darren Foreman a BMX coach from Royston to advise us on procedure and to give welcome advice to our competitors. I would like to thank the Primary School for providing first aid support (Ollie Waterson) and competitor management (Katie Mannion). Race timing was managed by Suz Pattinson. Start training now for next year's event!

Alan Cooke



The Abington Lunch Thursday 27 July 2023 Fruit juice Fish vol-au-vents Seasonal vegetables Summer fruits Tea or coffee



Please book your meal on 07554 433 317. Leave your name and telephone number with your message before noon on **Tuesday 25 July**.

Thursday 24 August 2023 Fruit juice Lasagne, salad Garlic bread Peach dessert Tea or coffee

Please book your meal on 07941 016 543. Leave your name and telephone number with your message before noon on **Tuesday 22 August**. Don't forget to tell us if you need a special diet. Doors open at **12.45pm**. Note that the lunch is open to **ALL** Abington and Hildersham residents. Guests only by special arrangement. **Only £5**. **Next lunch: Thursday 28 September 2023**.

# **Charity Football**

What started out as a conversation in The Three Tuns one night ended up being a really successful and enjoyable day. A few of us wanted to raise some money for the local Arthur Rank Hospice Charity, which many of us hold dear due to the wonderful care they give to so many. We chose a Sunday over a Bank Holiday to make the most of the day and hoped for some May sunshine – which we got!

The event was planned by a few of us and we collectively decided to add a few extra elements to the occasion to make a day of it and try to maximise the money raised. For those who didn't attend, we had a sweet stall, a raffle and a BBQ, as well as the football match itself. At least 20 footballers turned out to play on the day, half being the Abington Utd football team and half forming the Abington Legends, made up of villagers, friends and some real legends of Abington Football Club's history. The game was a good one to watch, with some real skill shown on both sides, a few yellow cards and some funny moments! Abington Utd won the game 5–3 and took home the Dennis Lightning trophy, which was kindly donated for the occasion by Shona Lightning (see centre pages). Thank you, Shona. The players were asked for a £5 each donation for the Charity but we almost doubled that amount. Thank you, lads!

The raffle prizes were all donated by local businesses and huge thanks go to all of them. I will be writing to them all individually to thank them and to let them know how much money we raised. The raffle tickets made around £750, which is just staggering! Thanks to every single person who brought а strip of tickets and congratulations to all the winners. Prizes included: Gog Magog aolf round. The Gog Farm Shop Hamper and £50 voucher, an overnight stay at The Three Tuns and a dinner for two, Newmarket Races tickets. dog boarding for two nights at Waggy's, dinner at the Black Bull for four and Nuffield Health gym passes... plus many more!

The BBQ was held and provided by The Three Tuns and made almost £400, with all proceeds donated by



Chris and Karen Adomeit. Thanks to you both for your amazing generosity! The total raised was a whopping £1,435, which was given to Arthur Rank Hospice in the form of a cheque and gratefully received.

I would like to pass my thanks to my two fellow organisers, Ollie Hamlett and Darren Tofts, and to everyone else who helped on the day, sold tickets, donated and made the day both special and enjoyable. Until next year... Rebecca Parkin

# **District and County Councillors' Report June 2023**

### **Greater Cambridge Partnership – sustainable travel zone consultation results**

The results of the consultation were published at the end of May. With more than 24,000 responses, this has been a mammoth task and has produced a mountain of data. The headlines are:

- Over 70% want to see improved public transport
- 58% are against the charging fee for the proposals as they stand.

What happens now? The GCP Assembly and Board will review the results and look at options for changing the proposals in the light of the consultation. There will then be further discussion with the Mayor, who has responsibility for transport policy, and with the County Council, which is the Highways Authority. This will take some time, probably running into the autumn. We hope that this will result in new proposals that will be more acceptable to the public. The government also has to agree the way forward so that the initial funding of £50 million can be released and the improvements to the transport system can start going ahead. The total funding available will be around £200 million. This is an opportunity that is unlikely to come again if some form of congestion charging is not adopted. All the information is available at www.greatercambridge.org.uk/mc-2022.

### A1307 works

Work continues on the upgrades to the road and the next scheme to be implemented is the roundabout at the Bartlow Road, Linton crossing, which started in early May and is due to go on for about 40 weeks. For more up to date information go to the Greater Cambridge Partnership website https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/sustainable-transport-programme/public-transport-schemes/cambridge-south-east-transport/cambridge-south-east-transport-phase-1-background/cambridge-south-east-transport-phase-1-current-schemes

### Four-day week trial

This District Council has recently taken a decision to extend its four-day week trial to its bin crews, meaning that they will only collect bins between Tuesday and Friday each week. This will mean a change in collection day for our area, where the bins are collected on a Monday. This will be actioned at the end of the summer period, so please do keep your eyes peeled for the notices.

#### **Resurfaced roads**

Some of our communities have been lucky enough to get roads in their parishes resurfaced. If you're wondering why yours hasn't been, it's likely that the roads prioritised were either in a very bad state, or had preventative work done to them to stop them falling into serious disrepair. If you feel that your road should be included in the forward plan to be resurfaced, contact Henry and he can put a proposal forward to the local Highways Department on your behalf.

#### Potholes

We reported last month on the pothole situation and the pressure that the Highways Department was under. This month we have some figures for you. Since Christmas, Highways has filled in 27,000 potholes with another 10,000 to go and is fixing roughly 2,500 per week – so if no more reports come in, we would be pothole-free in a month. However, this is unlikely to be the case as new reports are coming in all the time but due to the better weather at a much slower rate.

#### **Contact details**

District Council – John Batchelor – johndbatchelor23@gmail.com District and County Council – Henry Batchelor – henrybatchelor89@gmail.com

### Diary for July 2023

Date		Venue: Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Sat	1	Duxford Music Taster Morning – Duxford School	11.00am	16
		Cricket Club		22
Mon	3	Physio Pilates	2.20pm	13
Tues	4	Art Group	10.00am	22
		Low-impact Aerobics	9.30am	13
		Pilates	10.30am	13
		The Tuesday Club	2.00pm	14
Wed	5	Line dancing	1.00pm	13
Thurs	6	Walking Group	9.50am	15
		Granta Vale Harmony	7.30pm	12
		Cricket Club		22
Fri	7	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building	9.30am	13
		Low-impact Aerobics	9.30am	13
		Pilates	10.30am	13
		Cricket Club		22
Sat	8	Cricket Club		22
Sun	9	Cricket Club		22
Mon	10	Physio Pilates	2.20pm	13
		Abington & Hildersham WI – outing to Botanic Garden	TBC	15
Tues	11	Mobile Library, Hildersham		6
		Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building	9.30am	13
		Summer Tea – see centre pages	2.30pm	22
		Reading Group – see page 14 for venue	7.30pm	14
Wed	12	Yoga – course and drop-in	9.30am	13
		Line dancing	1.00pm	13
		Cricket Club		22
Thurs	13	Granta Vale Harmony	7.30pm	13
		Cricket Club	7.30pm	22
Fri	14	Low-impact Aerobics	9.30am	13
		Pilates	10.30am	13
Sat	15	Rotary Appeal for Ukraine – Primary School	9.00am	6
		Cricket Club		22
Mon	17	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building	9.30am	13
		Social Cycling – 1 Bourn Bridge Road	10.00am	13
		Physio Pilates	2.20pm	13
		Great Abington Parish Council	7.15pm	17
Tues	18	Art Group	10.00am	22
		The Tuesday Club	2.00pm	13
Wed	19	Line dancing	1.00pm	13
		Physio Pilates	2.20pm	13
		Cricket Club		22
Thurs	20	Craft Group	1.30pm	14
		Granta Vale Harmony	7.30pm	13
Sat	22	Walking Group	9.50am	15
		Vicarage Garden Party	2.00pm	6
		Hildersham Rolling Supper	TBC	19
		Cricket Club		22
Sun	23	Hildersham Café Church	11.00am	20
Mon	24	Little Abington Parish Council	7.30pm	18
Tues	25	Mobile Library, Abington	9.30am	6
		Art Group	10.00am	22

		Scrabble Club	7.00pm	14
Wed	26	Yoga – course and drop-in	9.30am	13
		Gardening Club – outing to Fullers Mill Garden	1.15pm	13
		Cricket Club		22
Thurs	27	Abington Lunch – doors open	12.45pm	8
		Granta Vale Harmony	7.30pm	13
Sat	29	Cricket Club		22
Mon	31	Physio Pilates	2.20pm	13

#### **Diary for August 2023**

Date	_	Venue: Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Wed	2	Yoga – course and drop-in	9.30am	13
Thu	3	Walking Group	9.50am	15
		Granta Vale Harmony	7.30pm	13
Sat	5	Cricket Club		22
Mon	7	Physio Pilates	2.20pm	13
Tues	8	Mobile Library, Hildersham		6
		Reading Group – see page 14 for venue		14
Wed	9	Yoga – course and drop-in	9.30am	13
		Cricket Club		22
Thu	10	Granta Vale Harmony	7.30pm	13
Sat	12	Cricket Club		22
Mon	14	WI Garden Party – 19 Meadow Walk	TBC	15
Wed	16	Yoga – course and drop-in	9.30am	13
Thu	17	Craft Group	1.30pm	14
		Granta Vale Harmony	7.30pm	13
Sat	19	Walking Group	9.50am	15
		Cricket Club		22
Mon	21	Social Cycling – 1 Bourn Bridge Road	10.00am	13
Tue	22	Mobile Library, Abington		6
		Scrabble Club	7.00pm	13
Wed	23	Yoga course and drop-in	9.30am	13
		Cricket Club		22
Thu	24	Abington Lunch (doors open)	12.45pm	8
		Granta Vale Harmony	7.30pm	13
Sat	26	Cricket Club		22
Wed	30	Yoga – course and drop-in	9.30am	13
Thu	31	Granta Vale Harmony	7.30pm	13

For details of contacts for all the clubs and events listed in the Diary, please see the inside back cover of the *News*, or the pages on which the relevant articles appear.

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

**Jeremiah's Café: Opening times in July and August 2023** Thursday lunchtime 11.30am–1.30pm (July 6, 13, 20, Lunch 27; August 3,10,17, Lunch 24, 31) Friday morning 8.45am–11.00am (July 7, 14, 21, 28; closed August) Saturday morning 10.00am–12 noon (July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; August 5,12,19, 26)

**Contacts for Café**: helenstchowe@btinternet.com and helen.rogers.uk@gmail.com **Note:** see page 8 for the Abington Lunch menus for 27 July and 24 August.

#### Wheelie bin dates for July and August 2023 (Abingtons and Hildersham)

July	Mon 3	Mon 10	Mon 17	Mon 24	Mon 31
	Black	Green/Blue	Black	Green/Blue	Black
August	Mon 7	Mon 14	Mon 21	Tues 29	
	Green/Blue	Black	Green/Blue	Black	

#### Yoga – Wednesdays, 9.30am

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

#### 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 – Mondays, 2.20–3.20pm

For Beginners/Intermediate. Max. six participants. Classes £12 per session. Book three sessions (£36 non-refundable). Contact Christina Heinz on cambridgepilates@outlook.com.

#### Line Dancing – Wednesdays, 1pm–2.30pm (term time)

Qualified line dance instructor, Lisa Mason, now runs drop-in classes suitable for all ages and welcomes beginners to intermediate level. Bring a drink and suitable shoes. Contact lisa.lmsd@gmail.com or tel. 07958 788 292.

#### **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 Peter Lester, tel. 07884 932 215 or email haverhi11@talktalk.net.

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

This Group is open **every Monday and Friday** morning (term time only) 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

On Wednesday 26 July we are going to Fullers Mill Garden, West Stow near Bury St Edmunds, leaving the Institute at 1.15pm. Entry £7 for members, £9 for non-members. Please call me if would like to come or want more information. Kay Harman, Secretary, tel. 891 730 email: robandkayharman@gmail.com

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

Our first meeting this month will be on 4 July when Gareth Brookman will be introducing his newly published book, *Tales From Iceni Territory* (see page 14). On 18 July the Chestnut Singers have rescheduled their appointment with us for a lively entertainment.

As usual, there will be no meetings in August. We will look forward to meeting up again on 5 September with another full programme of events. New and old members welcome, as always. Please contact me for further details. Jenny Milns (tel. 890 252)

#### Social Cycling

In June we had an excellent 12-mile ride on a gloriously sunny morning with a stop for refreshments in Stapleford. The next two rides will be on Monday 17 July and Monday 21 August both starting from 1 Bourn Bridge Road at 10 am. Please do not be put off if you think we speed around as we go at a pace to suit everyone. Dust off those bikes and give it a go!

### Reading Group

11 July	<i>Still Life</i> Sarah Winman	Annette Williams
8 August	<i>The Uncommon Reader</i> Alan Bennett	Dinah Brooks
12 September	<i>The Fell</i> Sarah Moss	Liz Obstfeld

We will meet at 7.30pm at Annette's on 11 July to discuss *Still Life*, and at 7.30pm at Dinah's on 8 August to discuss *The Uncommon Reader*. Please confirm attendance to Annette and Dinah and copy me in. Valerie Hefford

### Abington Craft Group

Our next meetings are on Thursday 20 July and Thursday 17 August. There are no fixed activities. Please bring your own project or help with stall preparations. All welcome, light refreshments, £2 per session. For information, contact Glynis.brookman@btinternet.com, tel. 07970 614 194.

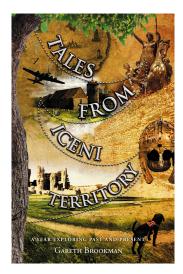
#### **Scrabble Club**

The next meetings of the Scrabble group will be on Tuesday 25 July and Tuesday 22 August at 7pm in the Institute. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month and new members are very welcome. Sheena Fraser

### Abington Bowls Club

We are struggling a bit in the Cambridge & District League Division 3, currently in 7th place, despite winning more games than we have lost. Each match consists of four games of triples, so with eight matches played at the time of writing, there have been 32 games. Of these we have won 18. Not bad. However, for each match there are three bonus League points available for the team with the best aggregate shots record. Sadly, in general this has not been ABC. This means that we are not challenging at the top of the table. Not flirting with relegation, either, but we are aiming at more than escaping the drop. Still, there are 10 more matches to be played, so perhaps we can aim at winning a few more bonus points. In the next edition of the *News* we will bring you the final results. Meanwhile, you can see how we are doing by looking at the regular reports on the village Facebook page.

We have also entered teams in the Business House Pairs Leagues. In the Open League we are in 4th place, but with games in hand over the teams above us. In the men's league we have maximum points and are sitting proudly at the top of the table. Home matches will be marked by hanging a banner on the wall outside the green on Little Abington High Street. Do come and watch us. If you want to take up bowls, give me a call.



On Tuesday 4 July, local author Gareth Brookman (*right*) will be talking to the Tuesday Club about his book *Tales From Iceni Territory*, an account of a year's exploration of ancient sites in Norfolk. His book was published on 21 June and copies are available now. To contact Gareth, tel. 07976 760941, or email gareth@redcampion.com.

Graham Ross (tel. 891 564)



# Abington Walking Group



Early June saw 11 of us have a lovely walk to Therfield and Kelshall followed by a nice pub lunch (see centre pages). Your July and August strolls are on Thursday 6 July, Saturday 22 July, Thursday 3 August and Saturday 19 August. All the rest of the 2023 walk dates are on the Institute notice board. The walks start from the Institute at 10am by shared transport to the walk

venue. We look forward to seeing you. For further information please contact Robin Harman tel. 891 730 or robandkayharman@gmail.com.

## Abington & Hildersham Women's Institute

On a warm June evening our guest speaker, Marion Leeper, came to tell us the story of Winnie Cobb, who became the first woman taxi driver in Cambridge. It was a tale of courage and determination, of love and loss, of overcoming male prejudice and eventually joining the workforce of King's garage. Most young men, including her husband, Frank, joined up when war broke out but Winnie got her dream job, spending 1914–18 as a taxi driver around Cambridge. Sadly, Frank was killed in the Belgian trenches just before the war ended, but his great buddy, Jock, arrived in Cambridge one day with a bundle of Winnie's letters to Frank. He stayed and soon after he and Winnie married and later had two children. A picture quiz of local sights tested our 'knowledge' of Cambridge roads and streets.

On Monday 10 July we will have a summer outing by bus to Cambridge Botanic Garden – details to be confirmed. And at 5pm on 14 August, at 19 Meadow Walk, there will be a Garden Party (bring-and-share tea), by kind invitation of Carole McCrae.

# **Abington History Group**



The AHG publication *Chronicling the history of the Abingtons during the life and reign of Queen Elizabeth II* featured in the latest British Association for Local History (BALH) *Local History News* magazine, with the following review by Dr Heather Falvey: 'Barry Brooks, Chair of the Abington History Group in Cambridgeshire, tells us that the Group used the idea of chronicling events in the villages of Great and

Little Abington to produce their latest publication, which is a timeline of the life and reign of Queen Elizabeth II linked to both "world events" and what was happening in Abington in the same period. The booklet that has been produced is a well-researched and beautifully illustrated account of the years 1926 to 2022 both locally and in the wider world.' Copies of the booklet are still on sale in the village shop (£3) or from any member of AHG.

AHG is also working on a new publication covering more timeline events, people, places and village life in the Abingtons. The book will include articles on the Anglo-Saxon presence, Abington Hall owners, census data, haymaking, Victorian health services and the Abington Rifle Club. An AHG open day event at the Institute is also planned for the book launch in November.

# AALGA Summer BBQ

The Allotment Association's annual village barbecue will be held on Sunday 3 September, 12 noon-1.30pm, near the Linton Road entrance. Burgers and hotdogs (with veggie alternative) and will for drinks be available sale on the dav. Allotment holders, village residents and friends are all welcome to attend. Come and enjoy some tasty food hot off the coals and take the opportunity to walk around the site to see what is being grown and how the Association members are using this valued community resource.

Bernie Talbot, Chair, AALGA

# **Duxford Saturday Workshop Taster Morning**

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, the Duxford Saturday Workshop Taster Morning at Duxford School 11.00–12.15 on Saturday 1 July is for you!

At this event, experienced tutors and players will help you to have hands-on, practical experience of several instruments, including violin, viola, cello, flute, oboe, bassoon, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, cornet, trombone, guitar and ukulele.

The event is completely free of charge. There is no need to book in advance –just arrive and have a go!

For further information, go to www.duxfordsaturdayworkshop.org.uk or email director@duxfordsaturdayworkshop.org.uk

### Abington Festival of Running –SAVE THE DATE

#### Granta Park, 10.00am, Sunday 1 October 2023

The Abington Festival of Running is back for 2023 and as usual taking place on the first Sunday of October. There will be a 10km and 5km road race and a 2km fun run.

Once again the 10km and 5km courses will be designated official UKA Road Races. The courses remain largely the same as in previous years – flat and fast – but with minor improvements. So whether you are looking for a new PB or a flat course with a great community atmosphere to challenge yourself to a run, this event is for you. There will be prizes on the day and a medal for every finisher.

As ever, this is also a community event and there will be a large crowd, refreshment stalls and the famous Abington welcome. Bookings are now open at <u>www.abington10k.com</u>

#### Great Abington Festival of Running Team

### **Granta Medical Practices Update**

#### National flu immunisation programme 2023

Eligibility for the free NHS flu vaccination is changing. This year the free NHS flu vaccine will not be offered to over 50s. Instead the following people will be invited:

- those aged 65 years and over
- those aged 6 months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups
- pregnant women
- all children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2023
- primary school aged children (from Reception to Year 6)
- those in long-stay residential care homes

• carers in receipt of carer's allowance, or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person

close contacts of immunocompromised individuals

• frontline workers in a social care setting without an employer-led occupational health scheme, including those working for a registered residential care or nursing home, registered domiciliary care providers, voluntary managed hospice providers and those who are employed by those who receive direct payments (personal budgets) or Personal Health budgets, such as Personal Assistants.

We are finalising plans for our flu clinics and next month we will let everyone know what the dates are. In the meantime, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to ring us on 0300 234 5555 or email <u>cpicb.grantapatientservices@nhs.net.</u>

Sandra East, Head of Patient Services

# **Great Abington Parish Council – An Active Council**

### Pavements

Over the summer, please cut back foliage overhanging pavements, and in particular any that obscures signposts and lighting.

### Disabled parking bay and double yellow lines

The Council is pleased to note that the disabled parking bay outside the Village Institute is well used. Please remember if you are parking there to display your blue badge. Please also remember not to park on the double yellow lines in the High Street. The Council has requested the community police to visit to monitor the situation.

#### Summer nights

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

### Did you know?

Great Abington Parish Council uses part of its precept (a tax that Parish Councils charge their local residents to cover spending on service delivery within the community) to fund the cost of street lighting.

### 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 views into consideration in their decision-making. For more information on the applications, use the reference given at: https://www.scambs.gov.uk/planning/view-or-comment-on-a-planning-application/

#### **Planning applications**

23/01989/HFUL – 86, High Street. Enlargement of previously permitted photovoltaic array on barn roof.

23/01818/HFUL – 35, South Road. Ground and first-floor extension to eastern side, new dormer windows to the southern elevation, first-floor rear dormer and extension over existing flat roof.

23/01685/OUT - 48, North Road. Outline application for the erection of 1 dwelling house with all matters reserved.

23/02073/PRIOR – 39A South Road – Single-story rear extension.

#### **District Council decisions**

23/01034/HFUL – 100, High Street. Single-story front and rear extensions, with render and timber. Approved.

**Application for a Street Trading Licence** – Abington Social Club, trading hours Tuesday–Saturday 16:00–23:00 for food vendors.

#### 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 17 July 2023 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 Close Parish Council's website the entrance to Magna and on the http://greatabingtonparishcouncil.org or available from the Parish Clerk. Paula Harper (Clerk): harper802@btinternet.com (892 000)

# Little Abington Parish Council

# New parish councillor

We are very pleased to have found and co-opted a new parish councillor. She is Risa Nagasaki and lives in Great Abington (the rule is you have to live within five miles of the parish) and we welcome her to our small team. Risa has also just become a parish councillor for Great Abington PC.

### **GCP Making Connections**

The Greater Cambridge Partnership published the results of the consultation to transform the bus network, with funding from a Sustainable Travel Zone (STZ). Over 24,000 responses showed strong support for improvements to bus services but there were significant concerns over the STZ proposal, in particular access to Addenbrooke's Hospital and the effect of a flat congestion charge rate on residents with lower incomes.

### Addenbrooke's roundabout consultation

Proposals for a new design to the approaches to Addenbrooke's roundabout are out for public consultation until midday on Monday 24 July. View the proposals and take part in the survey at: www.greatercambridge.org.uk/addenbrookes-roundabout

### Parking on Bourn Bridge Road

Following a letter complaining about all the building work on Bourn Bridge Road, we urge residents, visitors and contractors' vehicles to park off-road when possible – and ask contractors to stick to conditions regarding working hours.

### Meeting on 22 May

**Election of officers:** Sheila Bolden remains in post as Chairman and Richard Smith has taken on the position of Vice Chairman. Other positions: Financial Overseer – Viia Archer; Planning Committee – all councillors; Recreation Ground Committee – Richard Smith, Richard Allum and Viia Archer; Tree Warden – Richard Smith; GCP Representatives – Sheila Bolden and Viia Archer; GAPC/LAPC Liaison Meeting – Sheila Bolden and Richard Allum; A1307 Local Liaison Forum – Sheila Bolden; Abington Institute Management Committee – Richard Smith; Police – Suzanne Pattinson and Sheila Bolden; Village Maintenance contract/village environment – Richard Allum and Sheila Bolden; Communication – Suzanne Pattinson.

### Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Held in Abington Institute at 7.30pm Next Meeting: Monday 24 July

If you would like to participate in a meeting please contact the clerk. The meeting agendas and papers are on the noticeboard on Church Lane and published on the website: www.littleabingtonparishcouncil.org.uk/.

Sheila (Chair)	Bolden	07754659929/Cllr.sbolden@littleabingtonparishcouncil.org.uk
Jessica Ashbridge	(Clerk)	Clerk@littleabington parishcouncil.org.uk

# **Love Abington News**



Love Abington originated as a church initiative at the start of the pandemic to bring practical and emotional support as well as friendship to everyone in our villages. The pandemic has subsided but life will always have its challenges whether you are young or of more mature years. So here is an update on our activities.

### The management of Love Abington

We did not have any applications for the post of Love Abington coordinator so at the June meeting of the steering committee, we decided to run the organisation as a team effort with the individual members of the steering committee taking various roles. This has worked well over the past six months.

### Mothering Sunday posies

Although March seems a long time ago, on behalf of Love Abington, I must thank everyone who made wonderful posies of flowers for Mothering Sunday. It was lovely that so many volunteers stepped forward including local children. We are also very grateful to people who collected posies and distributed them to local residents. It brought a lot of pleasure.

### Tea and Chat invitations to mark the Big Help Out

Everyone enjoyed the celebrations to mark the coronation of King Charles in May and we were delighted with the number of people who picked up the Love Abington Tea and Chat invitations. There are some invitations still available in Great and Little Abington churches if you would like to ask a neighbour, someone who lives alone or a new resident to the villages for a cup of tea.

### Generous donation of ready-made meals

A huge thank you to a local resident who donated many high-quality ready-made meals that we were able to give to residents in our villages. They were very much appreciated.

### Welcome Packs

Are you new to Abington? If so and you have not yet received a welcome letter and Abington Directory, please contact your local coordinator and we will arrange to have one delivered to you. Little Abington – **Anton King 891 514**; Great Abington – **Carol Thexton 891 731**, carol.thexton@gmail.com

### Library

The library at Little Abington hutch (outside the Church) and at Great Abington church (inside the porch) has received some new books, and jigsaw puzzles (in Great Abington). So please come and borrow a book or puzzle if you want to add to your enjoyment of a warm summer's afternoon.

### A date for your diary: Tuesday 19 September 2–4.30pm, Abington Institute.

Love Abington is organising a sessional community hub for everyone in the village, whatever your age. Tea, coffee, squash and cake will be provided as well as some additional activities such as a toy swap and craft activities for children. More details in the September edition of the village magazine. Thank you to Jennifer Milns and Carol Thexton.

# **Hildersham News**

### **Children's Church Council**

The children were delighted that they had obviously had many customers and hopefully happy Daddies who enjoyed the cookies they made for Father's Day.

Our June meeting was spent making some new little noticeboards to highlight where our animal and insect accommodation is to be found in the churchyard and to indicate the different areas within the churchyard that enable flora and fauna to thrive at different times of the year.

In a meeting a few years ago all the children received a copy of *The Lorax* by Dr Suess, which, although written many years ago, spotlights the urgent need for us to treasure our planet. We revisited the story acknowledging the fact that we are trying to do a little bit towards making our world the one we would wish for future generations. Please come and visit our beautiful church and sit and enjoy the churchyard and the fields around, and read *The Lorax* if you wish (a copy is kept on the table in the children's area.)

The children usually have a break over the summer holiday period but we would like to let you know that we may be planning a new initiative in the autumn. Do you remember 'bob a job', an initiative promoted by the Scout and Girl Guide movement? We have been chatting about a similar Helping Hour whereby the children would offer you an hour's help doing those odd jobs that you don't have time to do. We will give you more information in the next issue of *The Abingtons & Hildersham News*.

### **Rolling Supper, Saturday 22 July**

We are finally ready to roll again after a gap of a few years and we hope to see lots of old and new faces at this very popular village event. The rolling supper has always been a great opportunity to meet with friends and discover new friends in the village. The evening will begin at The Rectory with Pimms and canapés and then as groups of six or eight we will move on to different venues for a main course, gathering together again at Manor Farm for desserts and coffee. Tickets £35 person. Please email are per amjpalmer@gmail.com for tickets or further information.

### Café Church, Sunday 23 July at 11am

Everyone is welcome at our café church, which if the sun is shining may well be held outdoors. This service allows a more interactive engagement with the theme of the



gospel readings and in the past has been a truly family service.

### Autumn Lectures

Hildersham Church has hosted many interesting and informative lectures in the past and we hope to offer these again in the autumn. The lectures begin with a glass of wine and last about an hour beginning between 7.00 and 7.30pm. Again, we will have more information for you to put on your calendar in the next issue of *The Abingtons & Hildersham News*.

### Friends of the Rosie

We would like to wish all our supporters a wonderful summer and all the very best of health throughout 2023.

On Saturday 2nd July, the UK is coming together to celebrate Thank You Day and honour the unsung heroes who have made a difference in our lives. This is the day to express our gratitude and appreciation to those who have gone above and beyond, especially during the past year. Come and say thank you in person at:

The Bar Hill Village Fete on the village green and church centre From 2pm on Saturday 8th July

The Summer Fete in Orwell Village Hall 11.30am - 3.30pm on Saturday 29th July

Waterbeach Community Market at Waterbeach Barracks 10am-3pm on Sunday 17th September

We are sharing our extensive catalogue on our Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/RosieinStitches/, so you can grab yourself locally sourced, unique, beautifully crafted gifts for special friends and family.

Thank you for your continued support, which has brought our fundraising in 2023 up to £975.

We are continuing to accept donations of unwanted crafting materials for our crafters to use or for us to sell on eBay and we are still recruiting new crafters to our team.

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

Stay safe.

For further information, please contact Avril Williams, tel. 01954 782 431, email avril@rosieinstitches.org.uk or Jo Hall, tel. 01954 780 304.

# Church Services for July and August 2023

DATE	Gt Abington	Lt Abington	Hildersham	Readings
2 July	11.00am United S	ervice at Balsham		Romans 6.12-end Matthew 10.40- end
9 July		11.00am Communion	11.00am Communion	Romans 7.15-25a Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end
16 July	11.00am Outdoor Church		6.00pm Evensong	Romans 8.1-11 Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23
23 July		6.00pm Evensong	11.00am Café Church	Romans 8.12-25 Matthew13.24-30, 36-43
30 July	11.00am Communion		11.00am BCP Communion	Romans 8.26-end Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52
6 August	11.00am United S	ervice at Balsham		2 Peter 1.16-19 Luke 9.28-36
13 August		11.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Communion	Romans 10.5-15 Matthew 14.22-33
20 August	11.00am Communion		6.00pm Evensong	Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15.10-28
27 August		6.00pm Evensong	11.00am Communion	Romans 12.1-8 Matthew 16.13-20

#### Churchwardens

Great and Little Abington	Graham Ross	41 Church Lane, Little Abington	891 564
Hildersham	Keith Day	Fourwinds, Linton Road, Hildersham	891 527

#### Assistant Churchwardens

Great Abington	Anne Hall	12 Magna Close, Great Abington	892 275
	Patsy Randall	77 High Street, Great Abington	07765 345 714
	Mary Miles	36 Church Lane, Little Abington	891 083
Little Abington	Marilyn Broadhurst	34 West Field, Little Abington	893 214

#### **Church Flower Rota**

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	Gt Abington	Lt Abington	Hildersham
2 July	Gillian Treanor	Kay Harman and June Waring	Sarah Hall
9 July	Lizzie Menzies	Lesley Crisp	Sarah Hall
16 July	Lizzie Menzies	Rosemary Mead	Lynne Hartland
23 July	Sally Smith	Antonia Kilcommons	Lynne Hartland
30 July	Sally Smith	Antonia Kilcommons	Amanda Palmer
6 August	Maureen Thomson	Carola Wolverson	Amanda Palmer
13 August	Betsy Gutteridge	Carola Wolverson	Jean Morton
20 August	Sheena Fraser	Florence Apcar	Jean Morton
27 August	Pennie Zimmern	Gill Smith	Kate Huntsman

# July and August Services at Granta Vale Churches (not Abingtons and Hildersham: 10.30am Online Fellowship available for all)

DATE	9.30am	11.00am	6.00pm
2 July		United Communion Balsham	
9 July	Communion Weston Colville	Morning Worship Balsham	Choral Evensong West Wickham
16 July	Communion West Wratting Morning Worship West Wickham	Morning Worship Balsham	
23 July	Communion West Wickham Morning Worship Weston Colville	Communion Balsham	
30 July	Communion Weston Colville West Wickham West Wratting	Communion Balsham	
6 August	¥	United Communion Balsham	
13 August	Communion Weston Colville West Wickham	Morning Worship Balsham	Evensong West Wratting
20 August	Communion West Wratting Morning Worship West Wickham	Morning Worship Balsham	
27 August	Communion West Wickham Morning Worship Weston Colville	Communion Balsham	