



# The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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*Photo by Annette Shortell*

**Abington Hoedown – a new fun and fundraising venture  
24 September 2016**

## Letter from the Editor

The first Abington Hoedown took place on 24 September and was greatly enjoyed by all, as the cover picture shows. Thanks to Charlotte Adams who arranged this happy event.

The Abington 10k and Fun Runs were fully subscribed and, in ideal weather, the events raised a record sum for the PTFA and school (see page 13). Congratulations and thanks to the organisers and to all who took part.

Great Abington church has been closed for some weeks while building work was in progress. An extension of superb quality that includes new kitchen and toilet facilities is now complete (page 7). In addition to Sunday services recommencing please note that there will be an Advent Concert in the church on 3 December – with local musical talent on display (pages 5, 7).

On Sunday 20 November Hildersham is organising Creative Church day, including food, which sounds interesting and fun. Hildersham will also be receiving goods for Emmaus at the Village Hall on 15 November so now may be a good time for some autumn clearing out (page 8).

Pages 4–5 report that our much appreciated Parish Nurse, Teresa Letimier, has had to leave but the work will be continued by Claire Gillett.

The hard work and patience of the Committee for Abington Housing has paid off with some real progress to report (page 7).

Local clubs have a full programme of activities as set out in the diary pages, 10–11. To this must be added the Abington Churches' Christmas Fayre, Saturday 26 November.

The History Group promises us a fascinating evening on Friday 18 November when it will commemorate the Battle of the Somme that ended on 18 November 1916 (page 13). The English Heritage re-enactment of the even earlier Battle of Hastings (14 October 1066) led to followers of the king travelling part of the local Roman Road (page 18).

Many thanks to Rod Willcox who organised delivery of 47,000 litres of domestic heating oil so we can look forward to being warm despite the darker evenings.

Remember to support the Poppy Appeal that starts on 29 October (page 5).

Valerie Silvey

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Articles for the December edition of *The Abingtons and Hildersham News* should be sent to the Editor by Tuesday 15 November 2016 at [news@theabingtons.org.uk](mailto:news@theabingtons.org.uk) Photos welcome.

**Abington Green – the Parish Energy Efficiency Event at the Abington Institute Saturday 29 October, 10am to 1pm. Can you afford to forget it?**

Halloween 'trick or treat' visits can be alarming and unwelcome for some people. Please knock only where houses show pumpkins or other obvious signs of being in the Halloween mood.

## From the Vicarage

In my letter in September, I explained the procedure for finding a new priest to serve in our group of seven village churches. That procedure is under way, and my request for people's prayers to find the right candidate is still important.

In June the Archbishops' Council issued a report on the Church of England clergy numbers, showing that the numbers of clergy 'in post' were falling, although slowly. At the same time the numbers of retired priests is rising!

At first sight the task of serving seven churches might seem a challenging one, until you add up the population figures for the villages only to find that the total population of the group of seven is about 4,500, while a typical Cambridge city parish would be about four times larger, with a greater number of people to serve. There are seven ancient buildings to care for, of course, but the good news is that many people are willing to help with caring for the churchyards, cutting the grass in summer, and cleaning and decorating the buildings with flowers week by week. As I explained in September, Julie Norris led us into a series of improvement schemes that have been completed in three of our churches, with plans under way for a fourth.

Sadly we still have to complete the repairs to the roof of St Andrew's, West Wratting after the theft of lead in April. Fundraising has been going well with some very generous contributions and grants from charities. The Church Council has set up a website for contributions on <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/roof/363752>. The hope is that repairs can be made before the winter.

Remembrance Sunday this year will be on Sunday 13 November and we shall have the regular annual services in our churches, with a short midday open-air service at the Memorial on Wratting Common, which has been held for many years in memory of the Bomber Command aircrews and airfield personnel who served there until 1946.

Finally, I would like to add to Keith Day's item about our Parish Nurse scheme. Pat and I have been really helped by Teresa Letimier since Pat's operation in the spring. We are going to miss her, and we know how much her work has been valued during her time with us. We wish her God's blessing. We are also so grateful to Claire for stepping in to continue the work while a new nurse is recruited.

Keith Johnson

## Poppy Appeal 2016

The appeal starts on Saturday 29 October and runs until Saturday 12 November so I urge you please to give generously when a collector calls at your house and support this very worthwhile cause.

I urgently need some new collectors this year so I appeal to anyone wishing to volunteer for a couple of hours to contact me.

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

Poppy Appeal Organiser, Babraham, Hildersham and Abingtons

**Food Bank** As winter approaches and as food prices increase the need for food banks is also on the increase. Donations of food can be made at the Abington Institute and in all our churches.

## PARISH NURSE

### Teresa Letimier - Meeting an unmet need

Since her appointment in December 2015 and commissioning by Bishop David in January, Parish Nurse Teresa Letimier has been constantly active both in getting to know people in our villages and in meeting a hitherto unmet need by receiving an average of eight contacts each working day.

Teresa has seen clients of all ages from under one year old to over 95. Some clients have required only one visit while others have needed up to 28 face-to-face contacts. Referrals have been from potential clients themselves, professionals and members of the village communities. Reasons for referral have been wide and varied, including; people home from hospital, people feeling anxious, people facing operations, people needing help regarding caring – nothing is too trivial if it is a cause of real concern.

The range of tasks undertaken by Teresa is as wide as the reasons for referral and include medicines management, advocacy with other services, help with forms, reassurance, help with care packages and, most important of all, listening.

The huge success of the project thus far is very much due to the commitment, care, determination and love shown by Teresa who has played a huge part in turning our dream into reality and it is hard for me to find words adequate to describe our admiration and gratitude for what she has been able to achieve in such a short time. Sadly, and with considerable regret on the part of all, personal circumstances have made it necessary for Teresa to leave us but she has left a legacy we shall value for a very long time.

The Parish Nurse Service continues as normal and we are delighted to welcome Claire Gillett who has taken up the role, Claire is an experienced parish nurse and looks forward to meeting you all and of course receiving referrals. Contact details for Claire remain as previously advertised:

Telephone: 07498 994 205

Email: [7churches.parishnurse@gmail.com](mailto:7churches.parishnurse@gmail.com)

If you would like to support the Parish Nurse Project please get in touch with Keith Day [keithdday@btinternet.com](mailto:keithdday@btinternet.com) or 891 527



### Advent Concert to Showcase Local Talent – Saturday 3 December

Thanks to our talent scout Anne Hall, an eclectic range of musical talents will be on show at the 2016 Advent Concert to be held at 7pm in Great Abington church on Saturday 3 December. It will be the first time the church, with its new facilities, will be used for a large community event so it's fitting that local villagers will be the first to use and see the new amenities (see page 7).

Tickets – £10.00 for adults and under-18s free – will be available from the Village Shop, Mary Miles, Marilyn Broadhurst, Anne Hall and Tony Collett. It is hoped villagers will support our local talent; everyone will recognise someone they know, so do come. It promises to be a good evening that will include mulled wine and snacks.

Tony Collett

## News from the Pews

Our Harvest Festival services have come and gone. A floral display from the Little Abington service is pictured here (*Photo by Emma Jones*). The meteorological office tells us we are now well into autumn, time for us to look to our Autumn/Winter programme of services and events for notes for your diaries.

Our Service of Hope will be held in Little Abington church on **Wednesday 2 November**, All Souls Day.

The Service of Remembrance will be on **Sunday 13 November**.

Our annual Christmas Fayre will take place on **Saturday 26 November**. Marilyn readily welcomes help on this day on the various stalls. Please contact her if you wish to join us.

This year our Advent Concert on **Saturday 3 December** will again (after popular request) stage our local talent. If you wish to take a performing part by singing, playing an instrument or reciting, please contact Anne, Patsy, Mary or Marilyn. We are sure there is a lot of hidden talent in our midst.

The following day (**Sunday 4 December**) we will be holding our Christingle Service in Great Abington church. This year it will include 'Messy Church'. All ages are welcome. For further details contact Rosemary (891 716).

The school Carol Service will take place in Great Abington church on **Friday 16 December**.

Our annual Carol Service will be in Great Abington church on **Sunday 18 December**. Details for the Christmas Choir practices are below. Please contact Mary for further details.

For telephone contacts see page 19.

Anne Hall

## Church Christmas Choir

Practices for the Christmas Choir will begin on Friday 4 November in the School Hall 7 – 8.30pm.

We will be working towards performing at the Advent Concert on Saturday 3 December and the Carol Service on Sunday 18 December, both at St Mary's church, Great Abington.

Anyone wishing to join this choir will be most welcome.

Glenis Todd (01353 727 881)

## Little Abington United Reformed Church

We warmly welcome anyone who would like to join us at our Sunday services. We have a dedicated and inspiring group of leaders and preachers.

6 November	10.15am	Mr Jim Taylor
13 November	10.15am	Mrs Lynn Taylor
20 November	2.30pm	Mr David Rose (HC)
27 November	10.15am	Mrs Maureen Kendall

For more information please contact Lynne on 893 295.



## John Chaplin Open Church Project Completed



*Photos by Tony Collett*

Valiants, the contactors, have completed the project resulting in a splendid kitchenette (see photo in *October News*), an extension with toilet facilities, a community area and total rewiring. The quality of workmanship is exemplary and the external walls match that of the original building – see picture above. All this will enhance the facilities of the church for use by everyone in the community and will be a beneficial legacy to future generations. The church will be used for the first time in six months when the Archdeacon, the Ven. Alex Hughes, takes the 10.45am service on Sunday 6 November and the facilities will be in much use at the Advent Concert on Saturday 3 December - see page 5. The PCC is very appreciative of all the work done by Mervyn Wingfield and the project committee.

Tony Collett

## Committee for Abington Housing

We have positive news at last. At the October meeting of South Cambridgeshire District Council's planning committee the planning application for the Pampisford Road/High Street site was finally approved. This application was submitted in mid-December 2015 but we finally got there. Houses on this site should be ready for people to live in the by the spring of 2018, a very long time since we first spoke to the landowner about putting his land forward in early 2012.

Hill Residential Limited has worked tirelessly to achieve this outcome. Both Hill and the landowner have been very keen to deliver a development that the village will be pleased with and we all believe we have achieved that with the final design.

Although not one of the three sites that were originally put forward by CAH for development, an application for a site to the south of Pampisford Road (Strawberry Farm) has been submitted and is likely to be considered by SCDC quite soon.

The Linton Road site has been presented to SCDC planners by Hill Residential Limited at a pre-application meeting. The feedback was that they were reasonably receptive to the application. Judging by the time it has taken to get approval for the first site there is probably still quite a long way to go with this one.

The Church Lane site was also discussed with the SCDC planners at the same pre-application meeting. This site was less well received and the planners requested further amendments to the design of the scheme before submission but agreed that some form of residential development would be suitable at this location. The Committee for Abington Housing meetings are always open to all villagers.

Bernie Talbot, Chairman

## **Hildersham Focus**

### **Book Club for Hildersham Residents**

I am hoping to start a **book club** for Hildersham residents.

I envisage a middle-of-the-road reading level with the group meeting monthly or bi-monthly. Hopefully members will take it in turn where possible to host and also choose a book. I am aiming for a low-key friendly gathering.

If you are interested in learning more about the group please contact Ann Cousins phone 892 441 or email [annie.cousins42@gmail.com](mailto:annie.cousins42@gmail.com)

Hoping to read some interesting books and discussing them with you

### **Hildersham Village Hall**

Two kitchen electrical appliances have recently been replaced. A Zanussi cooker, second-hand, but in immaculate condition, has been kindly donated by Mrs Susan Petts. Thanks to the generosity of its customers, the village Lunch Club has been able to buy a new Hotpoint microwave oven.

### **It's Teatime**

The next Village Tea will take place on Thursday 3 November in the Village Hall from 3pm until 4.30pm. This month we will be supporting Breast Cancer UK with a Pink Tea – be prepared to be surprised by the pinkness of everything.

### **Pie and Fizz Quiz on 11 November**

This is a great evening of fun. Either book individually or a table for up to 8 friends. Doors open at 7pm so the quiz can begin promptly at 7.30pm. Tickets are still only £8 including a glass of fizz and a hot supper during the interval. Bring your own drinks but glasses are supplied. Just the job to cheer things up with winter round the corner. The tickets are going fast so, if you haven't booked yet, contact Cathy by email: [catherinemyer43@btinternet.com](mailto:catherinemyer43@btinternet.com) or telephone 892 848.

### **Emmaus at Hildersham**

The next village Emmaus collection will take place on Tuesday 15 November in the Village Hall between 6pm and 8pm. Emmaus will take unwanted but good quality items – furniture, clothes, books, bric-à-brac – for re-sale or re-use at their wonderful centre at Landbeach. They are unable to take computers, printers or televisions.

### **Creative Church Day**

Sunday 20 November in Hildersham Village Hall. This annual event begins with lunch at 12.30pm followed by art and craft workshops during the afternoon. This year we will be running a series of printmaking workshops to make Christmas cards. These will be offered for sale and the proceeds will support a children's charity.

If you haven't tried printmaking using blocks, reliefs and screenprinting techniques this is a great opportunity to have a go.

The afternoon will close with tea followed by a short service at 4pm in the Village Hall.

### **Happy Birthday Addenbrooke's**

On 30 September Keith Day gave a memorable Hildersham Lecture to celebrate the 250th birthday of Addenbrooke's Hospital. So many of us have cause to be grateful that we live only a few miles from our local hospital, and that hospital happens to be one of the best in the UK. Keith's talk was both informative and entertaining. The evening ended with a ceremonial cutting of a splendid cake which was enjoyed by all.

On 13 October, the actual date of the anniversary, Keith was the guest of honour at Addenbrooke's, opening its new museum, which is now home to a great archive. This will be a source of great interest and add a new dimension to the already impressive art gallery that runs throughout the hospital's corridors. In the Cambridge News, David Robinson, the Chairman of Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust (ACT), is quoted as saying, 'It's recognised that arts in hospitals can contribute significantly to wellbeing and this fantastic museum will be a real talking point.' If you have to go to hospital this will lift your spirits.

## **Hildersham Parish Council**

### **A Quality Parish Council**



**The next meeting of Hildersham Parish Council will be on Tuesday 8 November from 7.30pm at Hildersham Village Hall, High Street, Hildersham.**

## **Linton Village College**

I wholeheartedly believe in comprehensive education, in all senses of the word. In my recent conversations with prospective parents I have made a strong point of emphasising that, at LVC, we are committed to offering a broad and balanced education, one that is comprehensive in its scope and influence.

A comprehensive curriculum goes beyond subject specifications; it teaches children wider, formative lessons. In addition to knowledge and skills, it enables them to develop relationships, tolerance and respect for those similar to, as well as different from, themselves.

Recent government proposals shine a disparaging light on comprehensive schooling. The green paper's fundamental premise is that 'schools that work for everyone' depend on selective practices. It assumes that it is possible and preferable to categorise learners aged 11 on the basis of their academic performance in a standalone test will be advantageous for all.

I was fortunate to sit alongside our MP, Lucy Frazer, recently judging LVC's debating team. The children had been given the topic of discussing grammar schools as part of a regional debating competition. I was impressed by the quality of the arguments and rebuttals posed so eloquently; somewhat ironic in view of the number of students that probably would not have passed the 11 plus test. The prospect of creaming off our highest performing applicants, expecting others to seek education elsewhere and promising higher educational performance as a result of this brutal academic division sickened me somewhat.

And yet the very thing that we hold dear at Linton Village College, as a fundamental facet of equitable education, is at risk of being undermined. I am proud of our comprehensive intake and of our excellent standards of education for all.

Spending vast amounts of money on converting schools or opening up new ones to serve the needs of the 'most able' seems rather frivolous, unnecessary and does not address the real challenges that need tackling in education to secure its future.

'Comprehensive' isn't just a title that replaces 'secondary modern', it represents an ethical stand point and a philosophy about the importance of a diverse and rich education. It is a concept that I hold dear and will fight to preserve and celebrate.

Helena Marsh, Principal

**Flu Clinics – Time to book your 'flu jabs now if you have not already done so.**

## Dates for your Diary

Date		Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Tue	1	<b>Art Group</b> <b>Forget-Me-Not Club</b> <b>Keep Fit</b>	9.30am 2.00pm 7.00pm	17
Wed	2	<b>Senior Keep Fit</b> <b>Dynamic Dance Class</b>	12 noon 3.15pm	11
Thu	3	<b>Abington Walking Group</b> <b>Flower Workshop</b> <b>Hildersham Teatime – Village Hall</b>	10.00am 10.00am 3.00pm	17 12 8
Fri	4	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group – Pre-school building</b> <b>Low Impact Aerobics</b> <b>Pilates</b> <b>Film Night – doors open</b>	9.30am 9.30am 10.45am 6.45pm	12 11 12 12
Sat	5	<b>Scrapbooking Group</b>	10.00am	11
Mon	7	<b>French Conversation</b> <b>Abington Gardening Club</b>	1.00pm 7.30pm	16
Tue	8	<b>Art Group</b> <b>Keep Fit</b> <b>Hildersham Parish Council – Village Hall</b> <b>Reading Group - 6 Church Lane, Linton</b>	9.30am 7.00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	9 17
Wed	9	<b>Yoga – course and drop in</b> <b>FGMN Club visit to Morrison’s</b> <b>Senior Keep Fit</b> <b>Dynamic Dance Class</b> <b>Yoga – course and drop in</b>	9.30am 12 noon 3.15pm 7.00pm	11 17 11 11
Fri	11	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group – Pre-school building</b> <b>Low Impact Aerobics</b> <b>Pilates</b> <b>Film Night – doors open</b> <b>Hildersham Pie and Fizz Quiz – Village Hall</b>	9.30am 9.30am 10.45am 6.45pm 7.00pm	12 11 12 12 8
Sat	12	<b>Naturewatch Autumn meeting</b>	10.30am	18
Mon	14	<b>French Conversation</b> <b>Abington &amp; Hildersham WI</b>	1.00pm 7.30pm	16
Tue	15	<b>Art Group</b> <b>Mobile Library</b> <b>Forget-Me-Not Club</b> <b>Emmaus at Hildersham – Village Hall</b> <b>Keep Fit</b>	9.30am am 12.45pm 6.00pm 7.00pm	12 17 8
Wed	16	<b>Yoga – course and drop in</b> <b>Senior Keep Fit</b> <b>Dynamic Dance Class</b> <b>Yoga – course and drop in</b>	9.30am 12 noon 3.15pm 7.00pm	11 11 11
Fri	18	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group – Pre-school building</b> <b>Low Impact Aerobics</b> <b>Pilates</b> <b>History Group – Battle of the Somme</b>	9.30am 9.30am 10.45am 7.30pm	12 11 12 13
Sat	19	<b>Abington Walking Group</b>	10.00am	17
Sun	20	<b>Creative Church Day - Hildersham Village Hall</b>	12.30pm	8

Mon	21	<b>French Conversation</b> <b>Great Abington Parish Council</b> <b>Little Abington Parish Council</b>	1.00pm 7.15pm 7.15pm	14 15
Tue	22	<b>Art Group</b> <b>Keep Fit</b> <b>Scrabble Club</b>	9.30am 7.00pm 7.00pm	17
Wed	23	<b>Yoga – course and drop in</b> <b>Senior Keep Fit</b> <b>Dynamic Dance Class</b> <b>Yoga – course and drop in</b>	9.30am 12 noon 3.15pm 7.00pm	11 11 11
Thu	24	<b>Abington Lunch</b>	12.45pm	16
Fri	25	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group – Pre-school building</b> <b>Low Impact Aerobics</b> <b>Pilates</b> <b>Family Film Night – doors open</b>	9.30am 9.30am 10.45am 6.15pm	12 11 12 12
Sat	26	<b>Rivercare litter pick-up – meet at road bridge/ford</b> <b>Churches Christmas Fayre</b>	9.30am pm	6
Mon	28	<b>French Conversation</b>	1.00pm	
Tue	29	<b>Art Group</b> <b>Forget-Me-Not Club</b> <b>Keep Fit</b>	9.30am 2.00pm 7.00pm	17
Wed	30	<b>Yoga – course and drop in</b> <b>Senior Keep Fit</b> <b>Dynamic Dance Class</b> <b>Yoga – course and drop in</b>	9.30am 12 noon 3.15pm 7.00pm	11 11 11

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

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

#### Wheelie bin dates for November 2016

<b>Mon 7</b> Green/Blue	<b>Mon 14</b> Black	<b>Mon 21</b> Green/Blue	<b>Mon 28</b> Black
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#### Jeremiah's Café in Abington Village Institute

##### Opening times in November 2016

Thursday lunchtimes	11.30am to 1.30pm (3, 10, 17) Lunch 24 <sup>th</sup>
Friday mornings	8.45am to 11.00am every Friday
Saturday mornings	10am to 12 noon every Saturday

**Contacts for Café** – Gaynor Farrant 07817 517 871 or [gaynorfarrant198@btinternet.com](mailto:gaynorfarrant198@btinternet.com) and Gill Smith 892 759 or [richardandgill.smith@live.co.uk](mailto:richardandgill.smith@live.co.uk)

**Scrapbooking Group** – We meet one Saturday of every month and welcome you to take a look any time and ask questions.

**Yoga – Wednesdays 9.30am and 7pm at Abington Institute**

Contact Joan 890 629 or email [joangraham72@gmail.com](mailto:joangraham72@gmail.com)

**Dynamic Dance Theatre School – Wednesdays from 3.15pm**

Ballet and modern dance lessons for children from 4 years old at Abington Institute.

Contact Esme on 07719 816 548 or [esmewatts@hotmail.com](mailto:esmewatts@hotmail.com)

**Low Impact Aerobics – Fridays 9.30–10.30am at Abington Institute**

Suitable for 50+ or those returning to exercise. Aerobics, toning and stretching. Exercises to raise your heart rate and tone your body; fun and friendly.

## **Pilates – Fridays 10.45–11.45am at Abington Institute**

Pilates exercises will help to alleviate back pain, increase core strength, improve posture and flexibility. Please book for 5 weeks for Low Impact Aerobics and Pilates. Contact Disa Bennett on 07798 754 029 or [www.zumbaandpilatescambridge.co.uk](http://www.zumbaandpilatescambridge.co.uk)

**Abington Pre-school Baby and Toddler Group** This group runs during term time from the Annexe building at the bottom of the school playground; **open on Fridays from 9.30am to 11.30am**, for all children aged 0–3 years old. Come along and play. Refreshments provided for children and adults. Contact Natasha 07725 175 917 or email [petrovnatasha@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:petrovnatasha@yahoo.co.uk)

## **Mobile Library**

Tuesday 15 November 2016, times as follows:

Little Abington	West Field	10.00–10.30am
Great Abington	North Road	10.40–11.10am
	Magna Close	11.20am–12.10pm
	The Shop	12.15–12.35pm
Hildersham	Church Green	12.45–1.00pm

## **Film Nights at Abington Institute**

This month **Film Night** is on **Friday 11 November**. Doors open 6.45pm, film starts at 7pm. Then **Family Film Night** is on **Friday 25 November**. Doors open 6.15pm for 6.30pm film. Everyone welcome. Raffle and refreshments. See the poster in the Institute for full details.

If you would like to receive details of the film by email approx. 2 weeks before a screening then subscribe for free to our mailing list using the link at <http://www.theabingtons.org.uk> or email [films@theabingtons.org.uk](mailto:films@theabingtons.org.uk)

Dianne Dawson (893 101)

## **Flower workshops 2016 – Autumn & Christmas workshops**

Thursday 3 November 2016 10am – 12.30pm

Tuesday 20 December 2016 10am –12.30pm OR 2pm – 4. 30pm

The November workshop will be held on the Terrace, Abington Institute and the Christmas workshops will use the Hall and Terrace.

There are a few places left on the November workshop and the Christmas workshop morning session. Plenty of spaces for the afternoon Christmas workshop.

Please get in touch for further information if you are interested. No experience needed. Phone 891 464 or email [fredasflowers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fredasflowers@hotmail.co.uk)

Freda Orgee

## **Workshop on supporting children with literacy difficulties**

**Tuesday 8 November 2016 from 7.30 to 8.30 pm.**

**Holme Court School in Little Abington** is hosting this free workshop for parents.

The workshop will be an introduction to the difficulties children can face, and the challenges for parents in supporting them with homework while maintaining the all important relationship between parent and child.

*Come along and pick up some top tips!*

Booking is essential as places are limited. Contact: [admin@holmecourt.com](mailto:admin@holmecourt.com)

## **Village News on the website**

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## Abington 10k and Fun Run 2016

On Sunday 2 October the 12th Abington 10k and 2k Fun Run was held. For the first time it was a sell-out event with nearly 500 10k runners and 200 2k runners taking part. The race itself was won by an amazing, inspirational run by Rebecca Moore who led the entire field home in 34mins and 50sec. In the post event survey the commonest feedback we had from the runners was that the atmosphere and the support from the village were fantastic. There were many comments from those competing, that the circular route through Great and Little Abington made the race friendly and welcoming. Thank you everyone who supported it and put up with the short road closure – YOU made it a big success!



*Photo by Annette Shortell*

Currently, with still a few invoices to pay and a couple of donations to come in, it is looking like the 2016 Abington 10k and Fun Run raised over £5,000 for the PTFA and school – this is a fantastic amount, particularly as this year we had no major sponsor. The money will go to support the enhanced curriculum and extracurricular activities for all children and also for the planned refurbishment of the school hall.

Organising this kind of event is not done without a lot of backroom work, the current organising committee is made up from a mix of governors, local residents and school parents (past and present) and it is them that the school and the PTFA would like to thank the most.

Iain Sainsbury, 10k Race Director and PTFA Chair

## **The Battle of the Somme ended on 18<sup>th</sup> November 1916**

***The Abington History Group will host an evening about  
the Battle of the Somme***

***In the Institute***

***Friday 18 November 2016 at 7.30pm***



The Battle of the Somme lasted 141 days from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 18<sup>th</sup> November 1916. It was the first battle where Kitchener's New Army and the Pals' Brigades would take a leading role, but would result in over 420,000 British casualties including 19,240 killed on the first day. Two of our Abington parishioners were killed in the battle and several more were in regiments that fought in the battle.

Two cameramen, Geoffrey Malins and John McDowell, were allowed to film the early days of the battle and they produced some of the most iconic images of the war, which were seen in cinemas by an estimated 20 million people – nearly half the population of Britain at that time.

100 years on, please come and join the Abington History Group for an evening about the Battle of the Somme. Note the date, 18 November, in your diaries – more information on the Institute noticeboard.

Barry Brooks

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

As the evenings get darker please let the Parish Council know if **street lights** are not working correctly – we can then ask for them to be repaired.

**Road Safety** – The Council continues to try to improve safety on Newmarket Road particularly near to North and South Road junctions. We are also moving towards action to reduce speed in the centre of the village.

**Community Orchard** – It is expected that we will soon have a site (on Linton Road) for a community orchard and **need volunteers** to help make this happen. If you would like to be involved please contact Bernie Talbot.

### **Granta Park/TWI building work**

Some noise issues have been experienced. Please let Bernie Talbot know if you have any issues with noise or vibration from Granta Park/TWI. Monitoring is taking place on site but we have undertaken to let them know of incidents so that they can be addressed.

**Abington Green: SPEG (Energy) event** – 29 October. Volunteer helpers needed, please contact Peter Brunning or Richard Smith.

### **Planning**

S/1892/16/FL – New Dwelling, 33 Magna Close. – recommended refusal

S/2199/16/FL – Alteration to service enclosure, bike storage and plant area, Granta Park – recommended approval

S/2589/16/FL – Installation of mast with antennas and dishes, etc., near Newmarket Road/Pampisford Road roundabout – recommended approval

S/0681/16/FL - 77 High Street, Amendment Replace existing garage with annexe and store – recommended refusal as not all concerns raised previously had been addressed.

### **Planning decisions**

S/3181/15/FL land to north of Pampisford Road – Planning granted at the SCDC Planning Committee in October for the development of 20 houses on the site at the top of the High Street.

APP/W0530/163149651 – 45 North Road, demolition of an existing barn and construction of a new barn. Planning permission granted on appeal.

### **Great Abington Parish Council Meetings**

Held in Abington Village Institute

**Bernie Talbot (Chairman) tel: 892 647**

**Planning Committees:** Usually Mondays, as required, 6.30pm. See notice board for dates or contact the parish clerk.

**Next Parish Council meeting Monday 21 November 2016, 7.15pm.**

There will be an opportunity early in the meeting for members of the public to speak to the council about matters of concern. Agenda and minutes posted on Parish Council notice board located at the entrance to Magna Close or available from the parish clerk.

Jane Bowen (891 137), Paula Harper (Clerk): [harper802@btinternet.com](mailto:harper802@btinternet.com) (892 000)

**Little Abington Parish Council Meetings**

Abington Institute, High Street

**Next Meeting: Monday 21 November 2016 at 7.15pm**

***Public participation: Come and have your say – 15 minutes, early in meeting***

Peter Brunning (Chairman)

tel: 891 960

Email: [pc@brunning.org.uk](mailto:pc@brunning.org.uk)

Genevieve Dalton (Clerk)

tel: 893 332

Email: [clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk](mailto:clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk)

**Autumn activities with Cambridge Past, Present and Future (CambridgePPF)**  
**Nordic Walking**

**Alternate Wednesdays throughout November: 1pm, 2pm, 3pm start**

Get into the rhythm and enhance your wellbeing and fitness levels with this very friendly Nordic Walking group at Wandlebury Park, led by Wellbeing Coach/Nordic Walking instructor Oliver Glynn. Nordic Walkers use more of their entire body than regular strollers, so you'll get a great workout without even noticing it. Don't worry if you've never tried it before – instruction will be given. There are three levels of walk: 1pm start for those with restricted mobility, 2pm for a healthy lifestyle speed, 3pm total beginners. **NB:** poles can be borrowed free of charge if required. Restricted mobility and healthy lifestyle walks free of charge, £15 per hour for total beginners. Car park free for Cambridge PPF members, non members £3.

**For more information and booking:** contact Oliver on 07947 835522 or email: [info@nordicwellbeing.co.uk](mailto:info@nordicwellbeing.co.uk)

**Healthy walking - Thursdays throughout November: 10am or 10.30am to 11am**

Keep fit and greet the changing of the season by joining us each Thursday morning this November for one of our Walking for Health accredited sociable walks around the park. Meet at the Stable Rooms at 10am for a longer walk or 10.30am for a shorter stroll. The walks end at around 11am with tea and coffee in the Stable Rooms. All are welcome, suitable for all different abilities. **NB:** free of charge and no need to book, but please arrive 10 minutes early to register if it's your first time. Donations are always welcome.

**Beginners' basket making - Sunday 13 November: 10am to 4pm**

This relaxed day for adults only at Wandlebury Country Park will provide you with a unique opportunity to discover the art of basket making, passed on by countless generations before. Experiment using willow to weave a simple basket as you learn the basic techniques, guided by an experienced basket weaver. The use of other commonly found materials will be explored, along with the required techniques and tools – all of which are provided. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be supplied, but bring along your own packed lunch. **NB:** £45 per adult (members £40). Meet at the Stable Rooms. Wear warm clothes – the Stable Rooms will be kept cool to prevent the willow from drying out. Please bring an old towel to wrap the willow in. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. Bookings must be made and paid in full 48 hours prior to the event.

**For more information:** email [bookings@cambridgeppf.org](mailto:bookings@cambridgeppf.org), call 01223 243 830 extension 207 or visit [www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on](http://www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on)

**Directions:** Wandlebury Country Park is on the A1307, 2.5km south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout. CB22 3AE. Parking is available on site and costs £3 per vehicle, free to members all year round.



# Abington Lunch

## Thursday 24 November 2016



Fruit Juice

**Sausage and Mashed Potatoes with Onion Gravy  
and Seasonal Vegetables**

**Sticky Toffee Pudding with Caramel Sauce**

Tea or Coffee

Please book your meal on 07789 585 399. Leave your name and telephone number with your message before noon on Tuesday 22 November. 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, young and old. **Only £5.**

**Next lunch Thursday 26 January 2017**

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

In the WI calendar October is always Members' Night. This means that the Committee sits back and enjoys an evening organised by everyone else.

And what a successful evening it was! Geoff Heathcock, a volunteer fundraiser for 45 years with the RNLI, talked about the work of the Institution and how it has changed from the early wooden boats in the 1820s to modern self-righting boats with enclosed wheelhouses and survivor spaces below deck, which can go out in all weather conditions. Highly trained RNLI crews rescued on average 22 people a day in 2015. Most of the work is along the coastline, but the RNLI also has four very busy stations on the River Thames in London and is called to help in flood situations like Carlisle. Lifeguard posts on 200 beaches are manned from April to October by volunteers trained and supported by the RNLI. These vital emergency services cost £155 million per year, most of which is raised by legacies and donations.

We helped in a small way by buying Christmas cards and other RNLI products. Then we enjoyed delicious homemade refreshments and were challenged with an interesting People & Places Picture Quiz.

**Next Meeting: 14 November - Introduction to WWI by Alison Giles. Display of memorabilia.** Visitors welcome.

Marilyn Broadhurst (893 214)

### **Abington Gardening Club**

On 7 November in the Institute at 7.30pm Colin Kirtland will give a talk entitled 'Wildlife in the Garden'. On 5 December Veronica Bennett is coming to give a talk about Peckover House and Gardens.

All welcome.

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

## Scrabble Club

The next meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday 22 November in the Institute. If possible, please bring your own board and tiles. New members very welcome.

Sheena Fraser

## Reading Group

8 November	<i>The Luminous Life of Lilly</i> <i>Aphrodite</i> Beatrice Colin	Lisa Pechey
13 December	Christmas meeting	Rachel Haining
10 January	<i>The Fatal Englishman</i> Sebastian Faulks	Beverley Dennis

Please confirm your acceptance 24 hours before.

Diana Wingfield

## Forget-Me-Not Club

Psychologists have many proven reasons as to why time goes by so quickly as we get older, I'm sure members are in agreement that we don't need psychologists to tell us this – can we really believe it will be Christmas again in eight weeks time?

We have three December dates for your already possibly busy diaries. LVC have again invited us to Coffee & Carols on 8 December, the FGMN Club Christmas Party is on 13 December followed by shopping at Morrison's the following day.

This month we have a Fish and Chip (or Sausage and Chip) lunch on 15 **November**, which you will need to book, either at the club or by telephone. **Please note early time.** The meal will be followed by a talk on how we can prevent ourselves from falls, a useful talk for all.

Remember, you don't have to be a member to join us for occasional meetings, all are most welcome.

### Dates for November

**Tuesday 1 November – 2pm** Talk by Jason Middleton on Gemstones

**Wednesday 9 November –** Trip to Morrison's Supermarket

**Tuesday 15 November – 12.45 for 1pm lunch** Talk by Ryan Chillingworth from 'Everyone Health Falls Prevention Team'

**Tuesday 29 November – Christmas Quiz**

Anne Hall (Chair) Tel. 892 275

## Abington Walking Group

In October our Thursday walk was within Stapleford and the Saturday stroll was to Heydon and Great Chishill in pleasant sunshine and an increasingly colourful autumn countryside.

The next walks will be on Thursday 3 and Saturday 19 November.

We should remind everyone that we are not an exclusive Abington residents' group and welcome walkers from nearby villages. Do come and join us.

For further information, please contact:

Robin Harman on 891 730 [robandkayharman@gmail.com](mailto:robandkayharman@gmail.com) or

George Woodley on 891 169 [georgewoodley@talktalk.net](mailto:georgewoodley@talktalk.net)



## Naturewatch Autumn Meeting

On Saturday 12 November at 10.30am, Naturewatch is holding its autumn meeting at the Institute. We will discuss the 2016 spring and summer visits and records. Please bring along any items, articles or books of interest. Tea/coffee will be available through the café. Anyone interested will be very welcome.



## English Heritage re-enactment of the Battle of Hastings 1066

King Harold and his followers marched from York to Hastings for the battle which took place on 14 October 1066.

To mark this 950th anniversary the march and battle have been re-enacted and, on 4 October, these participants were photographed riding on the Wandlebury to Linton section part of the Roman Road near Worsted Lodge.

*Photo by Jennifer Hirsh*



## Do you want to have a say in improving services from Health or Social Care?

Cambridgeshire Alliance for Independent Living is a local independent charity that works to improve services by raising the voice of people living with all disabilities.

One of the ways we do this is by bringing people with all disabilities and carers (called Independent Members), Health and Social Care teams, and voluntary sector organisations (such as Age UK, Voice Ability, Cam Sight and the Carer's Trust) together at 'Partnership Board' meetings.

The Partnership Boards are opportunities for you to have your say about what is good about Health and Social Care services, such as home care and day centres, and what you would like to improve or where you would like to see changes. Recent activities by the Partnership Boards include raising concerns about Home Care, which are now being examined closely by the County Council, involvement in helping to develop a new Carers Strategy and in the process for choosing organisations to run Carers Services.

Interested in getting involved? We are looking for new Independent Members to join our boards. We offer full training and support, out of pocket expenses and reimbursement of travel. If you think this could be you, please contact Leisha O'Brien, Development Officer at Cambridgeshire Alliance for Independent Living by phoning 0300 111 2301 or email [leisha@cambridgeshirealliance.org.uk](mailto:leisha@cambridgeshirealliance.org.uk)

## Sawston Fun Run

### Seeks local organisations to support

The Rotary Club of Cambridge Sawston wants to hear from local charities/organisations that might benefit from a grant from the 2017 Sawston Fun Run.

We donate around £15,000 each year to charities and organisations serving communities in villages around Sawston. Since 1986 we have donated over £425,000 to local hospitals, hospices, schools, youth organisations and local branches of national charities.

Preference is given to specific projects but the selection is based on the strength of each case.

**The closing date for applications is 30 November.** Application forms are available from the website [www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk](http://www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk) or by contacting me by phone or email.

**Ian Chamberlain tel: 01223 872 243, or email: [enquiries@sawstonfunrun.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@sawstonfunrun.co.uk)**

## Church Services for November 2016

DATE	Gt. Abington 	Lt. Abington 	Hildersham 	Readings
6 November	10.45am Communion		6.00pm Evensong	Job 17.23-27a Luke 20.27-38
13 November Remembrance Sunday	10.45am Remembrance Service			Malachi 4.1-2a Luke 21.5-19
20 November		9.15am Communion	4.00pm Café Church	Jeremiah 23.1-6 Luke 23.33-43
27 November Advent I		4.00pm Reflective Service	9.15am Communion – Prayer Book	Isaiah 2.1-5 Matthew 24.36-44

### Church Flower Rota

	Great Abington	Little Abington	Hildersham
6 November	Anne Hall	Freda Orgee	Muriel Crampin
13 November		Freda Orgee	Remembrance
20 November	and	Marilyn Broadhurst	Muriel Crampin
27 November	Patsy Randall	Marilyn Broadhurst	Advent – no flowers

### Churchwardens

<i>Hildersham</i>	Cathy Myer	'Woodside', Hildersham	892848
	Andrew Westwood-Bate	5 Sleaford Close, Balsham	892430
<i>Great Abington</i>	Tony Collett	23 Meadow Walk, Great Abington	893447
<i>Little Abington</i>	Graham Ross	41 Church Lane, Little Abington	891564

### Assistant Church Wardens

<i>Great Abington</i>	Anne Hall	12 Magna Close, Great Abington	892275
	Patsy Randall	77 High Street, Great Abington	07765 345 714
<i>Little Abington</i>	Mary Miles	36 Church Lane, Little Abington	891083
	Marilyn Broadhurst	34 West Field, Little Abington	893214

### Parish Nurse

Claire Gillett	Not 24 hrs, please leave a message if no reply - Claire will respond when next on duty.	07498 994205
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