



The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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Photo by Andrew Westwood-Bate

Headstone for Anglo-Saxons at Hildersham Church

Letter from the Editor

At last, after a welcome inch or more of rain for the gardens and field crops, we have some real, frosty, but dry and sunny winter weather. There have been some stunningly beautiful sunsets too.

This issue records very good church attendances at Christmas services and thanks for enthusiastic responses to carol singing, and appreciation for donations of Christmas trees which added to the festivities. It is also a pleasure to congratulate many who have successfully raised goodly sums for a range of charities, and especial thanks to those who responded to the request for Christmas gifts for refugee children (pages 4, 5, 8).

Hildersham is holding a Mammoth Quiz in aid of Macmillan on 24 February (page 8). There will be an AALGA Quiz on 3 March (page 16).

The Haverhill food bank is looking for donations of items for starter packs for people setting up home from scratch (page 7).

South Cambs. District Council is making changes to wheelie bin collections which will start on Monday 27 February (pages 12, 13). The Abingtons and Hildersham villages move from Group A to Group B in the SCDC schedule but we will continue to have bins collected on Mondays and it will be the same colour of bins collected from the Abingtons and Hildersham. I have shown on page 12 the bin collections for both February and March.

The Committee for Abington Housing has an update on progress and a reminder that those hoping for one of the affordable units on the High Street/Pampisford Road site should make their interest known. The Great Abington Parish Council notes concerns from residents about traffic problems on the Pampisford Road (pages 13, 14).

Abington Institute was re-opened after extension and refurbishment on 10 February 2007. The Abington Lunch on 23 February will repeat the delicious menu offered at the first lunch ten years ago.

In 2015 we reported the finding of 32 Anglo-Saxon skeletons during excavations at Holy Trinity Church, Hildersham, their careful appraisal by archaeologists and subsequent reburial. The cover photo shows the headstone now set up to mark this historic event and the wording on the headstone is repeated below (also see page 8).

Valerie Silvey

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Articles for the March edition of *The Abingtons and Hildersham News* should be sent to the Editor by Wednesday 15 February 2017 at news@theabingtons.org.uk Photos welcome.

Cover photo –the words on the headstone are as follows.

This headstone marks the grave of 32 Anglo-Saxon skeletons excavated by the University of Cambridge Archaeological Unit during the building of the North Porch in Hildersham Church in 2015. The Anglo-Saxon burial ground predates the present church which is over 900 years old. The archaeological team found the remains of bodies shrouded and laid in individual graves cut from the chalk. Their bones were re-interred on May 11th 2015.

From the Seven Churches

January is here and often can seem a dark depressing month. Take heart *'The shortest day has passed, and whatever nastiness of weather we may look forward to in January and February, at least we notice that the days are getting longer. Minute by minute they lengthen out until the moment comes when with a start of delighted surprise we realize that we can stay out of doors in a twilight lasting for another quarter of a precious hour.'* - Vita Sackville-West

Maybe this is an encouragement for us to take a breath to stop and stare so that the world does not pass us by at breakneck speed. Living life minute by minute seems like a dream but we can revel in those precious moments that come to us unexpectedly: the birth of a grandchild or watching lambs being born, moments that take our breath away. Savour them and put them in a memory box for later.

Just to back track to the Christmas period, I am pleased to say that the carol and other special services were well attended and in the lead up to Christmas there was a variety of Christmas events with LVC and Meadow Primary school concerts that were excellent

Reports from the Abingtons and Hildersham have been encouraging. The crib service and the traditional nine lessons and carols which Keith Day led at Hildersham were a particular highlight. Rosemary Mead has been encouraging young mums and families to come to church at the Abingtons with great success. The two choir groups in Abington sang at their carol service to a full church.

I would like to thank all of those who decorated the 7 churches, cleaned them and rang the bells in celebration of the birth of the Christ child; not forgetting those who have worked so industriously to enhance our churchyards.

Looking ahead I am able to say that the parish profile (job description for a new parish priest, Ed.) is almost ready to be sent to the archdeacon for him to read. I have to say that the church wardens have worked very hard on our behalf to ensure we are in a good place to attract a new priest in charge, replacing Julie.

On a theme of being united as six parishes we have a United service on Sunday 29 January led by our Rural Dean Revd Simon Talbott, along with the rest of the team, at 10am at Great Abington. We hope to see you there; there will be refreshments after the service. A joint service is also being held with the URC on Sunday 19 February, 2.30pm at the URC chapel in Little Abington (see page 6). Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

I am leading the women's World Day of Prayer once again on Friday 3 March, 10.30am at Hildersham church. The country that has written the service is The Philippines, and the theme is 'Am I being unfair to you?' You are most welcome to come. There will be refreshments after the service.

May 2017 be good year for you all.

Best wishes, Revd Kathy Bishop

New Years Eve

We would like to thank everybody who supported our New Year's Eve family disco. We raised £830 for the British Heart Foundation in memory of our dad, David. Also a massive thank you to the Abington Social Club team who gave their time for free.

Tracey and Emma Turner

News from the Pews

*If Candlemas be fair and bright
Winter will take another flight
If Candlemas brings cloud and rain
Winter won't come again.*

Candlemas Day on 2 February is the midpoint of winter, halfway between the shortest day and the spring equinox. For Christians it is a festival that commemorates the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary forty days after the birth of her son Jesus and the presentation of the Christ Child in the temple.

The PCC would like to thank most sincerely, Bob and Rav from the Village Shop who donated a beautiful Christmas tree to Great Abington Church, and to Great Abington Primary School who, at the close of term, donated their tree to Little Abington Church, and to Judy Hamper who donated an artificial tree to Great Abington Church for the children at Messy Church, and for Great Abington Primary School who visited the church for their annual Carol Service and brought decorations for the tree which they had made. All three trees greatly enhanced our Christmas decorations. Thank you.

The PCC was delighted and encouraged by the attendance in our two churches throughout the festive season. 730 adults and children attended various services and activities during December.

Sincere thanks to our Church Choir which comes into being at Christmas time to lead the Carol Service, and, again under the direction of Glenis Todd and pianist Marion McIntyre, they performed wonderfully. Thank you Glenis and Marion. Once again we were joined by the Glam choir who, under the direction of Bobby Ford, sang Coventry Carol. Thank you to both choirs for their dedication.

The Children's Society Christingle Service We have been asked by the Society to pass on sincere thanks to everyone who gave so generously to this charity at the Christingle service or in the Charity Boxes. £156.12 was sent to the society.

Rosemary Mead wishes to thank everyone in the village who gave Christmas gifts for the unaccompanied refugee children who have been found in Cambridgeshire. All of the children received a gift and there were sufficient to give presents to other children who may not otherwise have any gifts at Christmas. Rosemary has received a letter from the Business Support Officer to the Head of Children's Social Care expressing grateful thanks for the wonderful donation from the village community in Abington.

Space to Be may be an answer to a New Year resolution to find some time for a more mindful approach to living. It is a monthly oasis in our busy lives for silence, reflection, contemplative prayer and friendship. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 1 February at 7.30pm at 55, Church Lane. Please ring Rosemary on 891 718 for more details.

Charity for February – Romsey Mill This is a Cambridge-based Christian Charity which started in 1980 and works with children, young people and families, most of whom are facing significant challenges in their lives.

We would appreciate your support for this local charity. You may leave your donation in the charity boxes in our churches which are open daily. Thank you.

Anne Hall

Little Abington United Reformed Church

On Sunday 19 February at 2.30pm we will be welcoming our friends from St Mary's who are coming to share a Communion service with us. We hope this will be the first of many joint services. We would welcome you too.

5 February	10.15am	Mrs Wendy Roe
12 February	10.15am	Revd Elizabeth Caswell
19 February	2.30pm	Revd Bruce Waldron united service with Holy Communion
26 February	10.15am	Mr Bob Parkin

For more information please contact Lynne on 893 295.

Let's Talk About It.....!! A discussion and opportunity to talk openly about some issues that at times are just too difficult.

Tuesday 21 February at 7pm

West Wrattling Village Hall, 79 High Street, West Wrattling CB21 5LU

- Did you attend our event chaired by Libby Purves about 'end of life' issues in October last year and want to know more?
- Did you miss this event but wish you had been there?
- Are there questions about 'end of life' that you would like to discuss with professionals in a safe and comfortable environment?

If your answer to any of the above is 'yes' or you have any other interest in this frequently avoided topic then you are warmly invited along.

The discussion will be led by the Revd Dr Derek Fraser, Lead Chaplain at Addenbrooke's and the Rosie, and Dr Stephen Barclay, University Senior Lecturer in General Practice and Palliative Care. They will be joined by local GPs Dr James Morrow and Dr Laurence Kemp along with our Parish Nurse and members of the Ministry Team.

For further details contact Cazzy Walshe, 7churches.seven@gmail.com or Keith Day keithdday@btinternet.com 01223 891 527

Please note that this is a free event – Refreshments will be available.

Your chance to bag up to £5,000 for local community projects

TESCO is inviting local community groups, green space projects and other organisations to apply for their share of a £12 million carrier bag charge fund.

The supermarket has teamed up with the charity Groundwork on its Bags of Help initiative, which sees the money raised from the 5p bag levy being used to pay for a large number of local projects to improve green spaces in communities.

Tesco customers will decide on a monthly basis which groups get grants of up to £5,000, £2,000 and £1,000 in regions up and down the country.

It's expected the new monthly format will see more than 100 projects receive vital funding across Cambridgeshire every year. Funding will be awarded to projects that use and develop outdoor spaces in ways that will benefit their local community. We've already seen local groups, schools and charities benefit and look forward to seeing many more exciting projects come out of this initiative.

Find out more about how to bag your share or nominate a good cause at www.groundwork.org.uk/tesco

Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Abington Institute, High Street

Next Meeting: Monday 27 February 2017 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

Genevieve Dalton (Clerk)

tel: 893 332

Email: clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk

Haverhill Foodbank - Ann Merrigan, Operations Manager, writes:

Thank you for your generous donations over the Christmas period. At present we have no specific food shortages but continue to need items for our **Starter Packs**. These should be new or in excellent condition. We provide a number of items required for people starting out with nothing. These are made up according to their needs and can include the following items:

- Bedding (duvets, covers, pillows, bottom sheets, double & single etc)
- Kitchenware (cutlery, tin openers, spatulas, crockery, pots & pans, microwave bowls)
- Kettles
- Towels & tea towels

We are also happy to accept essential items such as **fridges** and **microwaves**.

Please ring if you have any of these items to offer. REACH Haverhill tel. 01440 712 950

Cambridgeshire Fire And Rescue Service

ON-call firefighters are a vital part of today's fire and rescue service, providing an efficient, effective service that gives emergency cover to more than 90 per cent of the UK. In Cambridgeshire they make up 56 per cent of the workforce. An on-call firefighter is not based at a fire station but carries a pager and responds to emergency incidents as and when they happen. They receive an annual wage to reflect the time they commit to being available plus additional payments for attending incidents and drill nights (one evening a week for two hours). On-call firefighters are men and women who may have other jobs and are able to provide evening, daytime or weekend cover. When they are on-call they may be at home, working for themselves or for a nearby company or out in their local community (staying within a five-minute travel time of the fire station) and are generally located in rural communities, small towns and villages. If you would like to become an on-call firefighter, or find out more, then please go to our website at www.cambsfire.gov.uk and search for on-call firefighter under the careers section.

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Hildersham Focus

It's Teatime

Do come to tea on Thursday 2 February at Hildersham Village Hall from 3pm to 4.30pm! Lovely home-made cakes, tea or coffee and excellent company, for only £1, children 50p.

Fairtrade Fortnight: Advance notice.

This begins on 27 February. It's Teatime on 2 March will be part of the national **Big Brew** to support Fairtrade with Tradecraft produce available for sale.

Village Lunch

The next village lunch will be on Thursday 9 March at 1pm. Doors open at 12.30pm and tickets cost £4. To book your place, contact Jill on 893 596 or edheale@btinternet.com.

Macmillan Mammoth Quiz

Hildersham is taking part in what is, according to the Guinness Book of Records, the world's biggest simultaneous quiz and which raises funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. The quiz is on Friday 24 February in Hildersham Village Hall, doors open at 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start. Everyone is welcome – individuals or teams of up to 8 people. Tickets cost £8, which includes a hot supper. Please bring your own drinks and we'll provide glasses. To book, or, for further information, contact Jill on 893 596, or email edheale@btinternet.com

Hildersham Jam Stall

In December, we sent £221 to EACH, making a grand total of £453 donated in 2016. We are most grateful to our supporters who provide preserves, eggs and fresh produce, deliver nicely-washed jars and, very importantly, buy from the stall. And once again, orange marmalade has been the best seller!

Headstone for Anglo-Saxon remains (see cover photo)

Hildersham PCC is delighted to say that the long-awaited headstone for the grave marking the remains of the 32 skeletons discovered during the building of the North Porch is now in place. It looks most distinctive standing alongside the site of the original village, Hildricesham. The PCC is grateful to all who contributed to the headstone collection and most particularly to Brian and Ruth Moore for underwriting the cost. This is such a generous gift. On Sunday 12 February the Venerable Alex Hughes, Archdeacon of Cambridge, will bless the headstone following the service at 9.15am. Everyone is most welcome to come to mark this piece of village history.

Hildersham Whist Drive

The monthly whist drive held at Hildersham is always well attended. It is good to report that profits over the year have been given to charity, namely £260 to Cancer Support for the Young and £200 for the Cambridge Cancer Help Centre (at Scotsdale's garden centre).

Creative Church Day

During the Creative Church Day held in November at Hildersham Village Hall, a group of enthusiastic and skilful children and adults made a selection of beautiful Christmas cards. These were offered for sale following church services in the run up to Christmas. The sale raised £100 half of which the children spent on treats for REACH Foodbank Christmas hampers; the other half they gave as a financial donation. Their efforts were very much appreciated.

The next meeting of Hildersham Parish Council will be on Tuesday 14 March 2017 from 7.30pm at Hildersham Village Hall, High Street, Hildersham.

Linton Village College

Extra-curricular opportunities are a key strand of schooling. There is a reason why this element of our provision is entitled 'Enrichment' at LVC; such experiences are truly enriching for students' learning and their wider, formative education.

I'm sure that most adults can fondly recall trips from their own school days. My highlights include a French exchange, aged 11, and the increased independence and cultural exposure that the trip to Lille involved.

International, far-flung adventures and local excursions certainly have the ability to enhance, extend and enrich children's learning.

At LVC, students have a plentiful enrichment offer. This term, students have benefited from enterprise, careers and science trips including a visit to Dalehead Foods and Oxford University. This month we wish our GCSE French students 'Bon voyage' as they embark on a week's immersive stay at a Château. Meanwhile, plans for our annual Enrichment Week are under way with almost every Year 9 student signed up for a residential trip to Derbyshire, Paris or Lanzarote, and significant fundraising is taking place for our Camps International trip to Cambodia in the summer.

Enrichment opportunities such as these offer students the chance to develop relationships and a raft of personal skills as well as memories (confidence, endurance, risk-taking and responsibility to name but a few). They also have the potential to be transformative opportunities: to spark a passion or interest that might have remained untapped in the parameters of a regular classroom.

Staff invest time and energy above and beyond their regular duties to organise and supervise school trips, often giving up their evenings, weekends and holidays, because they recognise their value and importance.

As a comprehensive state school, we want all of our students to benefit from enriching learning opportunities. While our trips vary in terms of budget, money can ultimately be a barrier for a number of families. LVC's Trust Fund enables voluntary contributions from parents, the school's alumni and members of the community to provide financial subsidy for families that would otherwise struggle to afford extra-curricular activities. Anyone wishing to donate to the Trust Fund can contact jackie.bailey@lvc.org at the College.

Helena Marsh, Executive Principal

Linton Jazz Annual Concert Saturday 4 March 2017

Linton Jazz is a group of around 30 musicians who mainly play for charity in Linton and surrounding villages. Over the last 15 years we've raised thousands of pounds for local charities. Each year we perform just one annual concert when we charge for tickets. This gives us much needed revenue to buy new music etc.

This year's concert is taking place on Saturday 4 March from 7.30pm at Linton Village College. Tickets are £10 for adults, £5 for OAPs and free for accompanied children. It is a lovely, friendly, and lively concert and everyone is welcome.

Louise Webb on behalf of Linton Jazz.

www.lintonjazz.co.uk

Dates for your Diary

Date		Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Wed	1	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
		Senior Keep Fit	12 noon	
		Dynamic Dance Class	3.15pm	11
		Yoga – course and drop in	7.00pm	11
		Space to Be – 55, Church Lane, Little Abington	7.30pm	5
		Partridge Group	8.00pm	12
Thu	2	Abington Walking Group	10.00am	16
		Hildersham Tea Time – Village Hall	3.00pm	8
Fri	3	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building	9.30am	11
		Low Impact Aerobics	9.30am	11
		Pilates	10.45am	11
Sat	4	Scrapbooking Group	10.00am	11
Mon	6	Abington Gardening Club	7.30pm	17
Tue	7	Art Group	9.30am	
		Keep Fit	7.00pm	
Wed	8	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
		FGMN Club visit to Morrison's		17
		Senior Keep Fit	12 noon	
		Dynamic Dance Class	3.15pm	11
		Yoga – course and drop in	7.00pm	11
		Partridge Group	8.00pm	12
Fri	10	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building	9.30am	11
		Low Impact Aerobics	9.30am	11
		Pilates	10.45am	11
		Family Film Night – doors open	6.15pm	12
Mon	13	Abington & Hildersham WI	7.30pm	16
Tue	14	Art Group	9.30am	
		Forget-Me-Not Club	2.00pm	17
		Keep Fit	7.00pm	
		Reading Group – 51 Church Lane	8.00pm	15
Wed	15	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
		Senior Keep Fit	12 noon	
		Yoga – course and drop in	7.00pm	11
		Partridge Group	8.00pm	12
Fri	17	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building	9.30am	11
		Film Night – doors open	6.45pm	12
Sat	18	Abington Walking Group	10.00am	16
Tue	21	Art Group	9.30am	
		Mobile Library	a.m.	12
		Parish Nurse Event –West Wrattling	7.00pm	6
		Keep Fit	7.00pm	
Wed	22	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
		Senior Keep Fit	12 noon	
		Dynamic Dance Class	3.15pm	11

		Yoga – course and drop in	7.00pm	11
Thu	23	Abington Lunch	12.45pm	15
Fri	24	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building	9.30am	11
		Low Impact Aerobics	9.30am	11
		Pilates	10.45am	11
		Macmillan Mammoth Quiz – Hildersham Village Hall	7.00pm	8
Sat	25	Rivercare litter pick-up – meet at road bridge/ford	9.30am	
		Family Yoga	10.00am	12
Mon	27	Little Abington Parish Council	7.15pm	7
Tue	28	Art Group	9.30am	
		Forget-Me-Not Club	12.45pm	17
		Keep Fit	7.00pm	
		Scrabble Club	7.00pm	15

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

Jeremiah's Café in Abington Village Institute

Opening times in February 2017

Thursday lunchtimes 11.30am to 1.30pm (2, 9, 16) Lunch 23rd

Friday mornings 8.45am to 11.00am

Saturday mornings 10am to 12 noon

Contacts for Café – Gaynor Farrant 07817 517 871 or gaynorfarrant198@btinternet.com and Gill Smith 892 759 or 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

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

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

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

Family Yoga Morning Saturday 25 February 10-11am at Abington Institute

Come and start your day with some stretches, yoga games and fun! Aimed at children of all ages and their parents. Please contact Jeffi for more information on 07931 790 591.

French Conversation – no classes in February. They resume on Monday 13 March.

Mobile Library

Tuesday 21 February 2017, 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 (near Village Hall)	12.45–1.00pm

Film Nights at Abington Institute

This month's **Film Night** is on **Friday 17 February**. Doors open 6.45pm for 7pm film. Everyone welcome. Raffle and refreshments. See the poster in the Institute for full details.

To receive details of the film by email approx. 2 weeks before a screening subscribe for free to our mailing list using the link at <http://www.theabingtons.org.uk> or email an enquiry to films@theabingtons.org.uk

Dianne Dawson (893 101)

The Partridge Group 2017 at Abington Institute 7.30pm for 8pm

A full and wide ranging series of six talks have been arranged for the 2017 Season by the group. Please see details of the programme and speakers on the Abington website www.theabingtons.org.uk/clubs/partridge-group/

(To receive a 'pre-talk' email reminder please contact pjmiles1@excite.com)

Wheelie bin dates for February 2017

	Mon 6	Mon 13	Mon 20	Mon 27
Abingtons	Black	Blue	Black	Green/Blue
Hildersham	Black	Blue	Black	Green/Blue

Wheelie bin dates for March 2017

	Mon 6	Mon 13	Mon 20	Mon 27
Abingtons	Black	Green/Blue	Black	Green/Blue
Hildersham	Black	Green/Blue	Black	Green/Blue

The Abingtons and Hildersham collections continue to be on Mondays with the same colour of bins collected from all these villages – so in practice no change. The Abingtons and Hildersham move from the SCDC Monday A collection round to the Monday B collection round. See the South Cambs Magazines (winter and spring) to confirm details.

Village News on the website

To see the *News* before the printed copy reaches you, and to see the pictures in colour, go to www.theabingtons.org.uk/news and follow the link to the pdf file for the month you want.

Committee for Abington Housing

As things begin to progress on the High Street/ Pampisford Road site we are reminding the developers of our wish that those with a local connection get the first offer of the affordable units. We hope that all those who qualify and are interested in one of these units have checked that their name is on the waiting list. We know that 'affordable' is purely a government term and doesn't ensure that those on the waiting list will be able to afford them but that is what they are officially classed as. Some of the affordable units will be for rent in the same way as any other housing association or council house and should be no more than 80% of the local market rent. The other affordable units will be offered on a shared equity basis to those on the waiting list.

The planning application for 45 units on Linton Road has been submitted by Hill Developments and is due to be considered by the Parish Council on 23 January. This site was originally coupled with the Church Lane site but has now been put forward independently of the other site. This has reduced the number of affordable units included at Linton Road as the original scheme had 40% of the total number for both sites all on this site.

The Church Lane site is still under discussion and the Committee is keen to see a proposal that we can all support.

The proposed site on the South of Pampisford Road (Strawberry Farm) was discussed by the SCDC Planning Committee on 11 January. A decision on the application was deferred until the next meeting on 1 February. This application has been objected to by the Parish Council.

The Committee for Abington Housing meetings are always open to all villagers. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 30 January.

Bernie Talbot, Chairman

Changes to waste bin collections

What? From the end of February most households across South Cambridgeshire will have a change to the day that their bins are emptied; the sequence of their collection (order that black or blue and green are put out); or their collection time (the time of day the bins are usually emptied). Everyone will still have their black bin emptied one week and their blue and green bins emptied the following week.

[Abingtons & Hildersham continue to be collected on MONDAYS]

When? The new bin days will start from Monday 27 February 2017. All residents affected, will receive a leaflet from the Council ahead of the changes with a collection schedule for their village. For collections in the meantime (up to 24 February), residents are urged to check the winter issue of South Cambs. Magazine or the website - www.scamb.gov.uk/bin-changes

How? Residents are asked to continue to put their bins out on their usual day up to 24 February, and after this date use the new schedule (this will also be included in the spring South Cambs. Magazine - out between 28 Feb and 19 Mar). Please ensure bins are out for collection by 6am to avoid missing the collection.

Why? In order to save £700,000 over three years, we now have a shared waste collection service for South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City. New bin collection rounds will work across the City and South Cambs. boundary, travelling approximately 20,000 fewer miles per year saving money and reducing traffic and emissions. The savings will help meet some of the Council's overall targets as the funding we receive from Government has been cut considerably. The new rounds mean that we need to make changes to collection days for most properties.

As we begin 2017 it is promising to be an interesting year for the village, with the Pampisford Road / High Street development starting and the planning application having been submitted for the Linton Road site.

The start of the Parish Council meeting always has an open forum for parishioners to raise any topics of interest to them. At the meeting on 16 January there were several parishioners who raised concerns about Pampisford Road. There was discussion over the increased traffic into Granta Park as well as the poor positioning of the chicanes, the noise created by the traffic calming and how ineffective it was for slowing down larger vehicles. The proposal from Granta Park regarding opening another entrance for works traffic on the Pampisford Road was also discussed. As a result of the concerns the Parish Council will be contacting Granta Park, SCDC Planning and CCC Highways to find out what is going on and to explore ways of ensuring that Pampisford Road is made as safe as possible.

LSA Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council working group is still progressing with the Neighbourhood Plan. The aim of the plan is to bring planning clarity to the former Land Settlement Estate area for property owners and the rest of the community. Very limited levels of development would be permitted whilst all possible steps are taken to preserve the unique character of the area. The Neighbourhood Plan process is lengthy and complicated but the working group is moving forward and will take steps to keep everyone informed at every step. There will be more opportunities for interested parties to have their say on the Plan before it concludes with a referendum towards the end of the year.

Planning

S/3371/16/FL – Mr & Mrs Parkin, 33 Magna Close. New dwelling. – PC Recommended refusal

S/1433/16/OL – Roll Over Development Ltd. Land to the rear of Strawberry Farm, Pampisford Road, outline planning application for 8 dwellings – PC Recommended refusal. District Council discussed but deferred their decision.

S/2589/16/FL – Telefonica Ltd. Near Granta Park roundabout, installation of 17.5 pole with antennae and microwave dishes. PC Recommended approval. District Council approved.

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 27 March 2017, 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 (892 000)



Abington Lunch

Thursday 23 February 2017

10th Anniversary Meal

(Repeat of February 2007)



Fruit Juice

Leek & Potato Soup with Parmesan Croutons

**Bacon Wrapped Chicken Breast with Gravy
Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables**

Celebration Raspberry Trifle

Tea or Coffee

Please book your meal on 07789 585 399. Leave your name and telephone number with your message before noon on Tuesday 21 February. 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. **Only £5.**

Next lunch Thursday 23 March 2017

Scrabble Club The next meeting will be on Tuesday 28 February at 7pm in the Institute. New members very welcome.

Sheena Fraser

Reading Group

14 February	<i>Deaf Sentence</i> David Lodge	Dinah Brooks
14 March	<i>Star Gazing</i> Linda Gillard	Sylvia Gilmour
11 April	<i>Spilling the Beans</i> Clarissa Dickson Wright	Sally Turnidge

Please confirm your attendance in February to Dinah.

Lisa Pechey

Abington Walking Group

Weather permitting we endeavour to walk year round and 2017 started well with crisp walks around Sawston and Horseheath.

The February walks will be on Thursday 2nd and Saturday 18th.



For further information, please contact:

Robin Harman on 891 730 robandkayharman@gmail.com or

George Woodley on 891 169 georgewoodley@talktalk.net

Abington & Hildersham Women's Institute

At our January meeting our guest speaker, Honor Ridout, presented slides of Cambridge Students Past and Present. Established as a university for clergy, we remembered Thomas Cranmer of Jesus College (English Bible, Book of Common Prayer), Robert Runcie (Archbishop of Canterbury), whose memorial window is in Trinity Hall chapel, and Rowan Williams, now Master of Magdalene College. Honor had many anecdotes of former students: Coleridge and Wordsworth left without degrees because they were hopeless at maths; Lord Byron wasn't allowed to bring his pet dog so got a bear cub instead; Thomas Gray hung a rope ladder from his window bar at Peterhouse in case of fire and pranksters put a tub of water on the ground for him to land in. Famous Cambridge women are of course few until the 20th century, although Millicent Fawcett campaigned for women's rights and founded Newnham College in 1875. Over 90 Cambridge alumni have been awarded Nobel Prizes, but only Dorothy Hodgkin (Chemistry) and Elizabeth Blackburn (Medicine) being women so recognised for their achievements. More recent graduates found fame in other fields: Zadie Smith (writer), Emma Thompson (actor), Lily Cole (model and entrepreneur), Mel and Sue (British Bake Off). Looking at old photographs of fresh-faced Footlighters, now household names, we wondered how today's Cambridge graduates would make a name for themselves.

National WI matters - This year there were six proposals for Resolutions to be studied before we voted for our favourite. All covered important issues: loneliness, FGM, maternal mental health, welfare in refugee camps, women's refuges, plastic fibres in the oceans. The largest vote was for Alleviating Loneliness. It remains to be seen whether other WIs think the same as we do.

Next meeting: Monday 13 February 7.30pm Animals Alive! with wildlife expert Chris Knowles, who brings some of his creatures with him to illustrate his talk. New members and visitors very welcome.

Marilyn Broadhurst (893 214)

AALGA Quiz Night - Friday 3 March

The AALGA (Abington Allotment and Leisure Gardeners' Association) annual Quiz Night will take place at Abington Institute on Friday 3 March 2017, doors open 7.15pm for a start at 7:30pm prompt. A fish or sausage or veggieburger and chips supper will be served during the quiz, and there will also be a raffle on the night. You are invited to bring your own drinks.

The Quiz is for teams/tables of eight people. Tickets, priced at £7.50 inclusive of supper, must be bought in advance. They can be obtained at the village shop from the beginning of February (our thanks to Ravinder).

So, please form your teams with a team leader. Then team leader:

1. Ensure that each member of your team of eight has secured a ticket.
2. Find out the supper choices for your team.
3. Contact Naomi Froment (naomifroment@aol.com) by 25 February to place your team's supper order – the default is fish and chips.

We look forward to seeing you on the night.

Richard Smith, Chair, AALGA

Forget-Me-Not Club

As with all organisations the New Year brings a search for new ideas, new rotas and the hope of new volunteers joining. One of the tasks for the club for 2017 was to compile the new Cake Baking rota, for which we knew new 'bakers' were required. We are delighted to say that every call for help was fruitful, which led us to realise just how amazing this community is and indeed always has been. For 61 years the Forget-Me-Not Club has been privileged to have ladies in the community bake cakes for our fortnightly meetings. This is just one club of many in our community that is blessed with brilliant volunteers. Thank you to all our 'Bakers', we really appreciate what you do for the Club.

Our first meeting in February is Valentine's Day, and to celebrate this day we ask you to bring a photograph of your wedding for us all to enjoy.

On our second meeting we will be enjoying our annual meal from the Three Tuns. We are forever grateful to Chris and Karen for organising this and allowing us a generous discount. Please note this meeting will begin at 12.45pm for a 1pm start.

Dates for February

Wednesday 8 Feb. – Shopping trip to Morrison's supermarket

Tuesday 14 Feb. 2pm – Valentines Day – Please bring a photograph of your Wedding Day for us all to share

Tuesday 28 Feb. 12.45pm prompt for 1pm meal – Annual meal from the Three Tuns.

Anne Hall (Chair) Tel. 892 275

Abington Gardening Club

On Monday 6 February Herbal Haven will give a talk on herbs and also bring some plants for sale. All welcome.

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

NHS Proposed change to out of hours service

Next week the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) will launch a consultation into a proposal to move the 'out of hours' base in Cambridge from Chesterton to clinic 9 at Addenbrooke's.

The CCG believe that this will make the out of hours service more effective. Patients can be easily redirected from the Emergency Department to the out of hours service if they don't need emergency care.

The public consultation will run from Monday 23 January until Monday 6 March. Details will be added to the Healthwatch website as soon as possible.

Contact phone 01480 420 628, website enquiries@healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk

Addenbrooke's and the Rosie CQC inspection – report dated 18 January 2017

Congratulations to everyone at Addenbrooke's and the Rosie Hospitals for today's 'Good' CQC report. It is fantastic that caring remains 'Outstanding' and this is a testament to the work of staff and volunteers. We know the Trust is doing more to listen to patients. In the last year Healthwatch has worked on projects to help it to do this.

Val Moore, Chair, Healthwatch Cambridgeshire

This 'Good' report by the Care Quality Commission means that the hospitals now come out of 'special measures'. Ed.

Leave the Winter Blues behind this February with Cambridge Past, Present and Future (CambridgePPF)

We made it – spring is just around the corner! The countryside is about to stir into life once again, and CambridgePPF has plenty of fun things to do to get you energised for the new season. Don't worry if you've lapsed a little during the colder months – join the regular healthy walking for the perfect way to ease yourself back into the outdoors. If you fancy getting some fresh air and doing your bit for the environment there's a coppicing event at Wandlebury, as well as a chance for novice basket makers to build on their previous experience with an advanced course for adults.

Healthy Walking

2,9,16,23 February: 10am or 10.30am to 11am

Keep fit and greet the changing of the season by joining our healthy walkers this February 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 towards the upkeep of the park are always welcome.

Advanced Basket Making

Saturday 4 February: 10am to 4pm

This relaxed day for adults only at Wandlebury Country Park provides a special opportunity for those with previous simple basket making experience to refresh and extend their skills. Try out new weave patterns, learn how to add a handle or try making an oval basket! All materials, 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.



Conservation Volunteer Activity – Coppicing and Coppice Products

Saturday 4 February: 11am to 3.30pm

Join the CambridgePPF team carrying out essential woodland management and conservation at Wandlebury, re-coppicing some of the park's hazel stools. This helps to increase biodiversity in the woodlands and produces a sustainable, useful supply of wood. If you can spare a few hours it's a great way of getting some fresh air and exercise too.

NB: Booking essential. For adults only. Tools provided. Please wear warm, waterproof clothing, sturdy footwear, and bring a packed lunch. This is a free event, however donations towards the upkeep of the park are always appreciated.

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

For more information: email bookings@cambridgeppf.org, call 01223 243 830 extension 207 or visit www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on

Church Services for February 2017

DATE	Gt. Abington 	Lt. Abington 	Hildersham 	Readings
5 February	10.45am Communion		6.00pm Evensong	Isaiah 58.1-9a Matthew 5.13-20
12 February		10.45am Communion	9.15am Communion	Deuteronomy 30.15-end Matthew 5.21-37
19 February		2.30pm Joint Communion in URC – High St.	4.00pm Café Church	Genesis 1.1-2.3 Matthew 6.25-end
26 February	4.00pm Evensong		9.15am Communion – Prayer Book	Exodus 24.12- end Matthew 17.1-9
1 March Ash Wednesday			7.30pm Communion	Joel 2.1-2,12-17 Matthew 6.1-6,16- 21

Church Flower Rota

	Great Abington	Little Abington	Hildersham
5 February	Janet Stanley	Amanda Marns	Lizzie Griggs
12 February	Janet Stanley	Amanda Marns	Lizzie Griggs
19 February	Pat Kennedy	Sally Ellis	Helen Humphrys
26 February	Pat Kennedy	Sally Ellis	Helen Humphrys

Churchwardens

<i>Hildersham</i>	Cathy Myer	'Woodside', Hildersham	892 848
	Andrew Westwood-Bate	5 Sleaford Close, Balsham	892 430
<i>Great Abington</i>	Tony Collett	23 Meadow Walk, Great Abington	893 447
<i>Little Abington</i>	Graham Ross	41 Church Lane, Little Abington	891 564

Assistant Church Wardens

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

Parish Nurse

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