



The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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Photo by Tasha Whittaker

**There was a constant flow of customers at the
Famine Lunch on 4 April 2017**

Letter from the Editor

Our churches were especially busy over Easter with many special services, thanks to the ministry team of clergy filling the gap while the recruitment of a new parish priest takes place. Sincere thanks too to the many villagers who worked hard on the Abingtons Litter Pick and who made a good start to tidying the churchyard at Little Abington (pages 4, 5, 7, 14).

Many thanks to the organisers of the Famine Lunch and Bring and Buy stall that were very well attended, with a wide choice of excellent soups on offer (see cover photo and page 6). Christian Aid Week (14 to 20 May) provides another opportunity to remember the plight of refugees and make generous contributions to alleviate their distress (page 5).

It is good news that Claire Gillett has now been appointed Parish Nurse and will be available to meet the needs for help which have been amply identified. There will be an interesting Parish Nurse event – free of charge – at Hildersham on 23 May which will shed light on the merging of medical services (page 13).

Please note a new monthly youth service, Connect. It next meets on 28 May at St. Andrew's church, Stapleford (page 9).

The Abington Parish Councils have interesting comments to make on local planning issues, road safety and the new waste bin collections. They also highlight the need for residents to be aware of their responsibilities for trees and hedges that overhang pavements, for cleaning up after their dogs and for taking care that bonfires do not inconvenience neighbours (pages 7, 14).

We all take delight in seeing the sheep and their lambs at this time of year. So it is very disturbing to note that some dog owners are letting dogs off the lead when going through fields where sheep graze. This is highly irresponsible and dog owners should be aware that shepherds can go so far as to shoot dogs for worrying sheep (page 8).

Hildersham has a wealth of exciting social events in the coming months. Don't forget the WI Plant & Cake stall outside the Institute on 6 May. (Pages 8-9, 12)

Film Nights, a thoroughly appreciated Institute service, will finish this season on 12 May. The film shown on 21 April concerned the pilot, Sully, who brought his plane down on the River Hudson with no loss of life; this kept the audience on the edge of their seats! Many thanks to Dianne Dawson who organises Film Nights.

The Walking Group welcomes newcomers to their twice monthly walks; the Gardening Club is starting a programme of summer visits; the Bowls Club reminds us of the health benefits of bowling, and there are the indoor sessions of yoga, keep fit, Pilates and aerobics (pages 10-11, 17-18).

Local and Mayoral Elections on 5 May mean that the Café will be open all day.

Valerie Silvey

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From the Seven Churches

As Revd Kathy Bishop explained in last month's magazine, the advertising for our new parish priest has now begun. The process does seem to be achingly slow, but it is a procedure of painstaking assessment of our seven churches and their assets and their plans for development which a prospective applicant needs to know. The next stage will be an interview for those who put their names forward as a result of the advertisement.

Kathy and I and our ministry team are so grateful to the local clergy who are helping us all to maintain our Sunday services.

On Thursday 25 May Granta Deanery will have an Ascension Day communion service for all the parishes in the Deanery, as they do every year. It will be held at St. Andrew's Church, Stapleford at 7.30pm.

The annual Flower Festival at St. Mary's Church, Weston Colville will be as usual on the last weekend of June, Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th. Thanks to the skill of our team of long-serving flower arrangers, it will be as spectacular as ever. Virtually all the flowers and foliage used in the arrangements are from local gardens and from the countryside. There will be a concert in the church during the weekend as usual.

The repairs to the roof and the interior of St. Andrew's, West Wrattling are well under way. The church roof and walls are covered with a maze of scaffolding poles and sheets of plastic. It looks very strange, but we are looking forward to its completion and finally the repainting of the interior. It is going to look splendid when it is finished. As the new roof will not be made of lead, it will no longer be a target for thieves.

In March Stephen Conway, the Bishop of Ely, came to dedicate the outstanding new extension to St. Mary's, Great Abington. Similar improvements have been made at Holy Trinity, Hildersham and St. Mary's West Wickham. The plans and the fund-raising for improvements at Holy Trinity, Balsham are continuing, with grants from local and national charities being sought.

Our beautiful churches have been serving our villages for centuries, and it is vital that we make them all open and fully equipped for the future needs of our community.

Keith Johnson

Balsham Concert

The Balsham Singers' spring concert is at 7.30pm on Saturday 20 May in Balsham Church and will include a varied mixture of music. We are singing John Rutter's beautiful "The Gift of Life" plus exciting songs from *Evita*, *The Lion King* and much more. Hopefully something for everyone.

Tickets cost £8 in advance from the Post Offices in Balsham and Abington or £10 on the door.

Granta Chorale – Bach: *Jesu, meine Freude* and Motets from Byrd to MacMillan at 3pm on Sunday 14 May at Saffron Hall

Bach's 20-minute masterpiece *Jesu, meine Freude* features amid a host of other pieces from different eras. There are lively renaissance rhythms in Byrd's *Laudibus in Sanctis*, pure Italian opera style in Verdi's heartfelt homage to the Virgin Mary for women's voices, and rich French 20th century harmonies in well-loved motets by Duruflé and Poulenc. Granta Chorale also embraces newer repertoire in a smattering of pieces by current day composers. Tickets £14, £5 (under 18s) - from: Online at: www.saffronhall.com Saffron Hall box office - T: 0845 548 7650 and at the door.

News from the Pews

April was an extremely busy month for our churches; inevitably this requires messages of thanks to many people.

The Parochial Church Council wish to thank the following people: - All of the ladies (including our friends from the United Reformed Church) who worked at the luncheon to raise money for Famine Relief; a massive sum of £700 was donated. Thanks also go to those who supported the event.

The people who worked to tidy Little Abington Churchyard. This is a huge task with work still left to do, if you were unable to attend on the scheduled date and would like to help, please do feel free to go at any time, speak to Graham Ross who will guide you in the right direction.

Finally our thanks to all who helped prepare for the Easter season, flower arrangers, ladies who clean our churches, those who prepared for the various services, Cazzy, who prepares all the service sheets for the seven churches and of course our clergy who work so hard during this season.

Charity for the Month – Christian Aid Week 14 – 20 May

Christian Aid has been there for refugees since 1945. Your support is more vital now than ever. Work started with refugees in Europe in the aftermath of the Second World War. The situation then seemed every bit as challenging as the refugee crisis now. Even then people responded in their thousands, giving money, organising events, lobbying their politicians and inspiring others to do the same.

Christian Aid is not going to turn away refugees who need them now. Their aim is to build a world where everyone has a safe place to call home. We can all help by giving whatever we can afford to support this cause.

There will be a door to door collection in some areas although more collectors are required, if you are able to help please contact Mary Miles on 891 083

Anne Hall

Parish Nurse Appointment

I am aware that following the resignation of Teresa Letimier and the advertisement of the post, there has been some uncertainty regarding the status of our Parish Nurse.

I am therefore delighted to make it clear that Claire Gillett has been confirmed in post as our permanent Parish Nurse and we all greatly look forward to having her with us in the future.

**Keith Day, Chairman
Parish Nurse Management Committee**



See page 13 for details of Parish Nurse Event at Hildersham on 23 May.

Famine Lunch on 4 April 2017

With wonderful village support, the Abington churches are pleased to report that the Famine Lunch and Bring and Buy stall raised over £700 to send to the Disasters Emergency Committee that is co-ordinating the relief effort in East Africa. Thank you everyone. (See cover photo and URC below).

Little Abington United Reformed Church

The Little Abington United Reformed Church was pleased to help with the Bring and Buy Stall which contributed to the fundraising success of the Famine Lunch.

Photo by Lynne Riecansky



URC Pulpit supply for May

7 May	10.15am	Mr Ben Palmer
14 May	10.15am	Revd. Elizabeth Caswell
21 May	2.30pm	Revd. Bruce Waldron (HC)
28 May	10.15am	Mr Peter Sammons

For more information please contact Lynne on 893 295.

Clifford Moore

Many of you will remember Hazel and Cliff Moore who lived in Church Lane, Little Abington for many years. Hazel, supported by Cliff, was involved in many community activities during that time and they were members of the Little Abington United Reformed Church. They moved about six years ago to Langtoft in Lincolnshire to be closer to family members.

Just before Christmas 2015 we learned with great shock that Cliff had been diagnosed with leukaemia. Fairly quickly he commenced the usual regime of treatments and we were all optimistic for his full recovery. Cliff paid great attention to his physical fitness and, while in Little Abington, could often be seen running along his various routes around the area. It was with much sadness that we recently learned that Cliff had lost his battle with this cruel illness. He was a fairly reserved and quiet man but possessed a sharp sense of humour. He loved his Abington garden and grew many and varied crops. He was also a gifted wood worker but was very modest about his skills. We send condolences to Hazel and his family.

If you wish to communicate with Hazel her address is, No 2 Hyde Gardens, Langtoft, Peterborough, PE6 9LT.

Cambridge Past, Present & Future

Healthy walking, bushcraft for children, tree identification for adults are among the activities offered in May.

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

The Local Plan, Little Abington and Bancroft Meadow

Since the note in the A&H News in March, there have been various comments and questions from residents and a recent communication from the inspector. The latter clarifies the criteria for Local Green Space (LGS) and asks the District Council to review all the sites put forward. The situation is quite complex, so we have prepared a more detailed note about the status of the meadow within the plan. The report (website link below) is included with the Parish Council meeting papers for March 2017, on the Abingtons website.

Please note that we still don't expect a final decision until much later in the year, at the earliest.

http://www.theabingtons.org.uk/site/assets/files/1464/ag7_3_south_cambs_local_planand_little_abington.pdf

Village Environment The spring cutting of the protected roadside verges along Bourn Bridge Road will commence soon. This will coincide with new road speed limits of 50mph down to the International School.

The discussions for road safety measures for Newmarket Road have concluded only that new signage has been agreed. The current road surface prevents the red tarmac proposal from being taken further. The bid for improved safety in the village centre was not successful. As such residents are continually reminded to slow down and take care at all times, as both drivers and pedestrians.

Good news for walkers! Any confusion around access to and from and around Granta Park will be reduced after Granta Park confirmed they are to update the map. Great Abington PC is also following up on the recent closure without notice of a well-used footpath.

Rubbish Collections The new collection regime is bedding in; any missed collections are because of full lorries.

Trees In the wake of Storm Doris, the Parish Council and householders need to understand their responsibilities to maintain trees and to note ownership of all trees.

There has been a complaint about bonfires being lit in Abington Woods. Residents are reminded of their social and legal obligations about the burning of waste, please consult SCDC website for more information.

Planning: S/0913/17/FL Two storey side and rear extensions and single storey front extension. 12 Church Lane, Little Abington. The Parish Council recommended approval with a comment noting the requirement for a dropped kerb to enable parking on the property.

Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Abington Institute, High Street

Next Meeting: Monday 22 May 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

Hildersham Focus

Sheep worrying

Hildersham always enjoys springtime lambing and this year some of us have been particularly fortunate in being able to help. Thank you to Andrew and Amy Rouse for including the village in this special delivery!

However, Andrew and Amy have expressed concern about the number of dogs that are not kept on-lead in the fields where sheep are grazing. Please be aware of the notices by the footpaths to ensure the safety of 'our' sheep. Sheep-worrying can cause sheep to abort their lambs. Be aware that shepherds have a right to protect sheep from dogs that are off-lead, and if necessary they can shoot dogs that are sheep-worrying.

Strictly comes to Hildersham!!!

Graeme Hein-Jones is new to the village of Hildersham and runs the Strictly Ballroom & Latin Dance Studio in Linton. On Saturday 3 June at 3pm, Graeme and his dance partner will be demonstrating a number of ballroom and Latin dances at the Arts Festival in Hildersham Parish Church. Graeme has been dancing since 1975 and appeared on the BBC1 Come Dancing show. The Strictly Studio in The Grip, Linton has been running for several years and Graeme has taught hundreds of local people how to dance and have fun at the same time! For further information visit www.strictlydancecambridge.co.uk



**Do you play a musical instrument, dance, recite or sing?
Do you have art or craftwork to exhibit?**

Hildersham Arts Festival at Holy Trinity Church
Art Exhibition Saturday 3 June and Sunday 4 June, 2017
Cream Teas Saturday 3 June from 2.00pm
Strictly Dance Saturday 3 June at 3.00pm
Concert Saturday 3 June at 5.00pm

This is not a competition; it is a **FESTIVAL** of arts and crafts
If you would like to take part please contact:

May Dry 13 Beech Row: 893 128

Cathy Myer Woodside High St email: catherinemyer43@btinternet.com or 892 848

Amanda Palmer 14 Beech Row email: amjpalmer@gmail.com or 894 316

Hildersham Rolling Supper Saturday 1 July from 7.30pm

Back by popular demand and tickets are selling fast, so book them now! This is always a lovely evening strolling around Hildersham, enjoying a three-course dinner en route, and a privilege to be hosted by village friends. Funds raised will support Hildersham Church Repair Fund.

Tickets at £25 per person are available for sale now from Amanda (894 316 email: amjpalmer@gmail.com), Cathy (892848 email: catherinemyer43@btinternet.com), or Kate (894 862 email: katehuntsman@btinternet.com).

Connect - con-nect /kə'nekt/ verb

Bring together or into contact so that a real or notional link is established

CONNECT is a new monthly youth service, seeking to do just that; to bring young people (aged 9+) from all over South Cambridgeshire together, along with their families, to establish real connections with each other...and with God!

Launching on 23 April, CONNECT is an exciting new initiative brought about with the help of clergy, youth workers and volunteers who all want to see God's Word brought to life through engaging music, activities, drama, games, speakers and prayer.

Over the coming months, we will be looking at some of the stories Jesus told, hoping to unravel four of his parables and exploring together what these well-known – and sometimes not so well-known - stories can really mean to us today.

We will be meeting at St Andrew's, Stapleford on the **fourth Sunday** of each month from 5.30pm, where there'll be an informal, interactive service followed by a time of food and fellowship all together. The dates for your diary are: 23 April, 28 May, 25 June and 23 July– so be sure not to miss out!

This really does promise to be a fantastic gathering that we hope you can be a part of too. Invite your friends, invite your family and let's join. Let's CONNECT.

80s Night in Hildersham – Saturday 17 June, 7.30pm – midnight

I am Sam Logan from Hildersham and I am in Year 10 at Linton Village College. I am fundraising to pay my way on a four week volunteering trip to Peru in July 2018. During the trip I will be living in the local community and taking part in sustainable projects, such as building a new shower block, a new class room, water well etc. As well as the local project work I will be going into the Amazon rainforest where I will be learning about deforestation. The trip ends with a 5-day trek to the summit of Machu Picchu.

To raise funds, I (with the help of my family) am organising an 80s Night with DJ, disco, great music, a licensed bar and hog roast supper on **Saturday 17 June from 7.30pm – midnight**. The event will take place in the fantastic barn at Manor Farm in Hildersham, thanks to the generosity of David and Beryl Mercer.

80s dress is optional but there will be a prize for the best outfit on the night. Tickets are £12 each (including supper) and are available from Jenny Logan (tel 891 897 or email jenny.logan@btinternet.com). Grab your legwarmers and a group of friends and come and join us for a great evening.

Thank you very much for your kind support, I hope to see lots of you there.

Sam Logan, Mabbotts, Hildersham

Hildersham Parish Council **A Quality Parish Council**



Next meeting

Please note that the next council meeting will start at the **earlier time of 7pm** to allow time for the Parish Meeting and the AGM.

The next meeting of Hildersham Parish Council will be on Tuesday 9 May starting at 7pm at Hildersham Village Hall, High Street, Hildersham.

Dates for your Diary

Date		Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Tue	2	Art Group Abington Bowls Club – Bowling Green	9.30am 2.00pm	18
Wed	3	Yoga – course and drop in Dynamic Dance Class Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am 3.15pm 7.00pm	11 11 11
Thu	4	Abington Walking Group Local and Mayoral Elections – café open all day Abington Bowls Club – Bowling Green	10.00am 6.00pm	17 11 18
Fri	5	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building	9.30am	12
Sat	6	WI Plant and Cake Stall Scrapbooking Group	9.30am 10.00am	12 11
Mon	8	Abington & Hildersham WI	7.30pm	17
Tue	9	Art Group Forget-Me-Not Club Keep Fit Hildersham Parish Council –Village Hall Reading Group –107, High Street, Great Abington	9.30am 2.00pm 7.00pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	 16 9 17
Wed	10	Yoga – course and drop in FGMN Club visit to Morrison’s supermarket Senior Keep Fit Dynamic Dance Class Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am 12 noon 3.15pm 7.00pm	11 16 11 11
Fri	12	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Low Impact Aerobics Pilates Film Night – doors open	9.30am 9.30am 10.45am 6.45pm	12 11 11 12
Mon	15	Great Abington Parish Council	6.45pm	15
Tue	16	Art Group	9.30am	
Wed	17	Yoga – course and drop in Senior Keep Fit Dynamic Dance Class Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am 12 noon 3.15pm 7.00pm	11 11 11
Thu	18	Abington Gardening Club visit to Bell Cottage	1.30pm	18
Fri	19	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Low Impact Aerobics Pilates	9.30am 9.30am 10.45am	12 11 11
Sat	20	Abington Walking Group	10.00am	17
Mon	22	Little Abington Parish Council	7.15pm	7
Tue	23	Art Group Mobile Library Forget-Me-Not Club Scrabble Club Parish Nurse Event – Hildersham Village Hall	9.30am am 2.00pm 7.00pm 6.30pm	12 16 16 13
Wed	24	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	25	Abington Lunch	12.45pm	16
Fri	26	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building	9.30am	12
		Low Impact Aerobics	9.30am	11
		Pilates	10.45am	11
Sat	27	Rivercare litter pick-up – meet at road bridge/ford	9.30am	
		Family Yoga	10.00am	11
Tue	30	Art Group	9.30am	
Wed	31	Yoga –course and drop in	9.30am	11
		Senior Keep Fit	12 noon	
		Yoga –course and drop in	7.00pm	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

Jeremiah's Café in Abington Village Institute

Opening times in May 2017

Thursday lunchtimes 11.30am – 1.30pm (4, 11, and 18) Lunch 25th

Friday mornings 8.45am – 11.00am

Saturday mornings 10.00am – 12 noon

Thursday 4 May – Café open all day

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

Wheelie bin dates for May 2017 (Abingtons and Hildersham)

Tue 2	Mon 8	Mon 15	Mon 22	Tue 30 May
Black	Green/Blue	Black	Green/Blue	Black

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

Family Yoga Morning Saturday 27 May 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.

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

Film Nights at Abington Institute

The final Film Night for this season is on **Friday 12 May**. Doors open 6.45pm, film starts 7.00pm. Raffle and refreshments. All welcome. See the poster in the Institute for full details.

For further details of this and all future Film Nights please subscribe 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)

Flower workshop 2017 - on the Terrace, Abington Institute

'Create your own Dutch Master' - Thursday 29 June 10am - 12.30pm

Inspired by famous Dutch flower paintings (lots of examples in the Fitzwilliam Museum). Create your own fresh flower version. To register your interest or to find out more please contact Freda Orgee (891 464) or fredasflowers@hotmail.co.uk

WI Plant and Cake Stall

Saturday 6 May, 9.30 – 11.00am at Abington Village Institute

Abington & Hildersham Women's Institute is holding a stall outside the Abington Institute selling locally grown plants and homemade cakes and produce. Come and buy quality annuals, perennials, bedding and vegetable plants for your garden at bargain prices and treat yourself to a scrumptious cake and a pot of homemade jam or chutney.

Mobile Library

Recent notification is that we are now on Route C23 on the fourth Tuesday in the month, instead of the third Tuesday each month.

Tuesday 23 May 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

Linton Jazz and Barbecue evening Saturday 15 July

Linton Jazz will be providing a great evening's entertainment from 7pm on 15 July in the grounds of Great Abington Church. With an outdoor barbecue as well this should be too good to miss. So why not put it in your diaries.

More details in the June News.

Tony Collett

Community Oil Order

Orders should have been placed with Rod Willcox by 28 April (see April News page 7)

Where's our doctor gone now?

A Parish Nurse event

Tuesday 23 May, 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Hildersham Village Hall, High St,
Hildersham, CB21 6BU

As part of our programme of Parish Nurse events please join us to hear GP James Morrow, from the Granta practice, talk about the merger of the Sawston, Linton and Barley practices and how it will affect you as a patient.

There will be an opportunity to continue the discussion in smaller groups and meet other members of the Parish Nurse Management group, including your Parish Nurse, Claire Gillett.

Please note that this is a **free event** - No booking required
Refreshments will be available

For more information contact Cazzy Walshe, 7churches.seven@gmail.com or Keith Day keithdday@btinternet.com 01223 891527

Granta Medical Practices – Travel Advice

If you are planning to travel abroad please make sure you allow enough time for any vaccinations you may need. You can collect a Travel Risk Assessment Form from Reception or download one from our website www.grantamedicalpractices.co.uk . Fill it in fully and return it to us **no later than 5 weeks before you travel.**

Once you have completed and returned the form, we will contact you by phone within one week to let you know if you need to attend for an appointment which we would then advise you to book. At your appointment, the recommended vaccines or medications will be given and follow-up injections planned. We regret that no traveller will be seen without a completed risk assessment form.

Before your appointment, you are advised to go to: www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk. Look up the destination you are travelling to, print off the information, read it and bring it with you when you attend your appointment.

You can download our Basic Travel Advice Sheet or collect a copy from reception.

For additional information you can visit the following websites:

www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk, www.nathnac.org, or www.fco.gov.uk/travel

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.

Litter Pick Up – The annual village clean up event was extremely well supported this year. A big thank you to the great many helpers who turned up and cleared rubbish from most areas of the Abingtons. As well as many unexpected objects a lot of the usual items were found like take-away remains, cans and bottles. Some of the most unpleasant were many small bags of dog poo that had been picked up and then left either on the ground or hanging on bushes. Dog owners please remember to pick up and then take it to one of the red bins rather than leaving it for the non-existent dog poo fairy to pick up.

Waste and Recycling collections – Please remember the changes to the collections, details of which were included with your Community Charge bill. There have been some instances when bins have not been collected from some areas. If you become aware that this has happened, please leave your bins out and contact SCDC as soon as possible and they will arrange for them to be collected, normally the next morning.

Pampisford Road - Concerns have been raised with the Parish Council over construction traffic blocking visibility for vehicles turning out of the High Street. The matter has been raised with Hill, the developer.

Coach trip - The annual trip will be to Felixstowe again this year following the success of last year's visit. Details will be confirmed in the next News.

South Cambs. District Council Community Awards - Congratulations to Anne Hall (award reported in April News) and to Valerie Silvey and Ravinder Sangha who were nominated for awards.

(Bernie Talbot was another well-deserved nominee. Ed.)

Neighbourhood Plan - Many thanks to all of those who came to the consultation event at the Institute on March 31st and to those who have made a written response. The feedback from this event is going into the redraft of the Plan documents which will be submitted to SCDC for a six-week formal consultation period.

Planning

S/3014/16/FL – Mr L Bouchart, 30 South Road – erection of live/work dwelling following demolition of shed. Parish Council supported on 06.02.2017. Application withdrawn 10.3.2017

S/3226/16/FL – Mr and Mrs Turner, 102 High Street, alterations to ground floor and single storey building to allow for a lift etc. Parish Council supported on 12.12.16. Waiting for SCDC decision.

S/3120/16/LB – Mr and Mrs Patterson-Lee, Molet House, 109 High Street – Replacement of decomposed sole plate. Parish Council supported 28.11.16. Waiting for SCDC decision.

SCDC decisions

S/1433/16/OL, Roll Over Development Ltd, land to the rear of Strawberry Farm – outline application for residential development of 8 dwellings. Parish Council objected on 29.10.16. Amended application – Parish Council objected 19.12.16. District Council approved 01.03.17

S/3407/16/FL, Mrs A Waters, Gildencroft 82, High Street – single storey extension to the rear of thatch cottage separated by a glass walkway. Internal alteration to

bathroom/kitchen. Parish Council supported on 06.03.17. District Council approved 21.03.2017

S/3371/16/FL, Mr and Mrs Parkin, land adjacent to 33 Magna Close – new dwelling Parish Council objected 19.12.17. District Council refused on 18.03.2017

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 15 May 2017, 6.45pm.

There will be an opportunity early in the meeting for members of the public to speak to the council about matters of concern. Agendas 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)

Linton Village College

May marks the start of the examination season. Year 11 students at Linton Village College are preparing for their GCSEs, including the new style maths and English exams, and our Year 10s sit internal exams this month in all new GCSE subjects.

The move towards 9-1 grading, the removal of controlled assessment/coursework and the increase in required curriculum subject knowledge has created additional challenges in regards to what students are required to comprehend, retain and recall.

The traditional 'jug and mug' concept of education models children as empty vessels to be filled with knowledge during their schooling. As our students engage with necessary revision and exam practice, it can feel as though the primary purpose of education is to remember and regurgitate.

It is essential to balance the demands of test preparation with retaining children's desire to acquire knowledge and skills. Teachers and parents need to support children to be ready to perform to the best of their ability, while avoiding the process becoming too much of an arduous and stressful slog.

Recent news that the number of students nationally opting to take A levels in Maths and English has plummeted this year, with a drop of 20% and 35% of entries respectively, is concerning. This has been attributed to the new, tougher GCSEs and students being less inclined to risk failure with these harder subjects.

It is a shame that a by-product of an insistence on high standards in the 3Rs may be a demise in the interest in and enjoyment of these subject disciplines.

At LVC we are academically ambitious for all of our young people. Being in the top 5% of all schools nationally for progress and exceeding all other OECD countries' PISA test scores is evidence of our students' achievement. However, these measures are only one factor of educational excellence.

Being able to achieve strong results in exams is important for young people – it will help them to open doors in the future. However, it is equally important to help children to develop and sustain the keys to open these doors: motivation, self-esteem and a thirst for learning.

Helena Marsh, Executive Principal



Abington Lunch

Thursday 25 May 2017



Fruit Juice

**Glazed Baked Gammon with Cumberland Sauce
New Potatoes and Spring Vegetables**

Lemon Meringue Pie with Pouring Cream

Tea or Coffee

Please book your meal on 07789 585 399. Leave your name and telephone number with your message before noon on Tuesday 23 May. 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 22 June 2017

Forget-Me-Not Club

Our AGM last month ran smoothly with new members joining the committee. Members expressed their gratitude to the committee for their work.

This month we have two speakers, both of whom have experienced the difficult side of life and through their own determination have turned their lives around. Both present heart-warming stories.

Yearly subscriptions of £5 are now due.

Dates for May

Tuesday 9 May – 2pm – Barry Griffiths from Jimmy's Night Shelter speaks on 'Life on a Bench'.

Wednesday 10 May – Trip to Morrison's Supermarket

Tuesday 23 May – 2pm – Tracy Mackness, owner of the Giggly Pig Company, is the speaker. Tracy will talk about her experience of life on the streets leading to imprisonment, which made her revalue her life. Her talk 'From Prisoner to Entrepreneur' also tells how she now helps young people to stay on track. A truly inspirational young lady.

Do join us.

The new committee members are: - Anne Hall – Chair, Mary Miles – Secretary, Carol Thexton – Treasurer, Viki Brunning – Membership, Margaret Farrington, Judy Hamper, Pat Wallman and Jennifer Miln.

Anne Hall (Chair) Tel. 892 275

Scrabble Club

The next meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday 23 May in the Institute. New members very welcome.

Sheena Fraser

Abington & Hildersham Women's Institute

Our new 2017 programme began with an illustrated talk by Geoff Evans, who is an adventurous traveller, animal lover and keen photographer. His beautiful slides transported us to the mountains, glaciers, forests and rivers of Alaska in summer and to some close-up encounters with brown bears and their cubs. Bears hibernate for 5 months, losing a third of their body weight, then fatten up on berries and salmon (12-15 per day!), try to find a mate, eat more salmon, then go back to sleep. Females care for their cubs for 3 years before coming into season again. Tourists can walk the Brook Falls Trail safely by making a noise to scare bears away and keeping together in groups (a bear is intimidated by what it sees as a larger creature). No food can be carried, only water, and perfume should not be worn. In other areas it is safer to explore with a gun-bearing guide! Huge shoals of salmon returning to their spawning grounds must evade not only the bears but also the 1000s of fishermen and women on crowded river banks. Things have changed since Captain Cook sailed to Alaska in the 1770s but this enormous State retains much of its awesome wilderness and beauty.

Next meeting Monday 8 May at 7.30pm: Shop Girls (of Eaden Lilley) by Ellie Seymour -visitors and new members welcome.

Don't forget our WI Plant & Cake Stall Saturday 6 May 9.30 - 11am!

Marilyn Broadhurst (893 214)

Reading Group

9 May	<i>The Inheritance of Loss</i> Kiran Desai	Anna Heron
13 June	<i>Ice</i> Ulla-Lena Lundberg	Diana Wingfield
11 July	<i>Travels with My Aunt</i> Graham Greene	Liz Obstfeld

Please confirm your attendance in May to Anna.

Lisa Pechey

Abington Walking Group

Last month both walks started in Hadstock with one around Hadstock and the other included Linton.

Our Thursday walk is on 4 May to Barkway and will include a pub lunch. Do join us.

The Saturday walk is on 20 May.

We meet at the Village Institute at 10am twice a month.

For further information, please contact:

Robin Harman on 891 730 robandkayharman@gmail.com or

George Woodley on 891 169 georgewoodley@talktalk.net



Abington Gardening Club

On Thursday 18 May there will be a visit to Old Bell Cottage at Langley Upper Green leaving the Institute at 1.30pm sharing transport. Please contact me if you wish to come or for more information or a copy of the summer programme.

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

Abington Bowls Club

Competition Lawn Bowls Mind & Body Workout

Two hours lifting and bowling weighted bowl, stretching, bending, walking 500m. Develop eye hand co-ordination and muscle memory. Mind map infinite trajectory calculations, technical strategic planning and delivery.

Lawn Bowls promotes excellent low impact physical exercise, mental agility and social wellbeing. Embrace healthy summer fresh air and sunshine. Join Abington Bowls Club. Enjoy a sport you can play competitively for many years.

Compulsory after game food, drink and team social banter hosted at Abington Social Club for home games. C&D League. Warning: Bowls can be addictive!

Dates for your Diary

2pm Tuesday 2 May,

6pm Thursday 4 May



Annette Shortell

Sawston Fun Run and Walk

Sunday 14 May is the big day when we hope to raise lots of money for the Arthur Rank Hospice and many local youth organisations including **Abington Annexe Pre-school**.

Registration now open –join this unique community celebration and enter for either the traditional Long Route (7.4k, 4.7 miles) or the Short Route (4k, 2.5 miles). Enter via the website.

Your running days over? Share the atmosphere and excitement by entering as a walker!

Pre-school children – We have set up a new category this year. Parents can register pre-school children to accompany them free of charge.

Full information on the website www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk

Keep up with all the news on our Facebook page.

Contact us via Enquiries@sawstonfunrun.co.uk

British Cycling Breeze for women is a really sociable and fun way to exercise - good for the body and good for the mind - why not come and join us?

Breeze is part of British Cycling's programme designed to help and inspire women of all ages and abilities to get back on their bikes. Organised by trained, volunteer, female British Cycling Breeze champions, the free rides are on local, accessible routes and in small friendly groups. Mums, why not drop the children off at playgroup or school then fetch your bike and come and join us? Our rides go at a speed that suits everyone, no-one gets left behind and we finish at the Barleycorn where we have refreshments and a chat.

During May 2017 there are several introductory rides which will help to build your confidence and your skills. Initially these will be on flat, short routes with the final two incorporating a couple of minor hills and over a slightly longer distance which will demonstrate how you have improved over the preceding weeks.

Interested? - just register at www.letsride.co.uk and then book onto a ride, or contact the Breeze network at British Cycling on 0161 274 2117. The Duxford rides are called Sassy Lassies Cycling! If you have any questions please do email them to me via jennifer.parker5@btopenworld.com or phone me on 07752 247007 (evenings after 7.00pm only please)

Church Services for May 2017

DATE	Gt. Abington 	Lt. Abington 	Hildersham 	Readings
7 May	10.45am Communion		6.00pm Evensong	Acts 2.42-end John 10.1-10
14 May		8.00am Communion 6.00pm Evensong	9.15am Communion	Acts 7.55-end John 14.1-14
21 May	9.15am Communion		4.00pm Café Church	Acts 17.22-31 John 14.15-21
28 May		10.45am Communion	9.15am Communion – Prayer Book	Acts 1.6-14 John 17.1-11

Church Flower Rota

	Great Abington	Little Abington	Hildersham
7 May	Gilly Maynard	Kay Harman/June Waring	Rosalinde Gray
14 May	Naomi Froment and	Carola Wolverston	Rosalinde Gray
21 May	Tasha Whittaker	Carola Wolverston	Kate Huntsman
28 May	Helen Pimblett	Fiona Snell	Kate Huntsman

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	<u>Not 24 hrs</u> , please leave a message if no reply - Claire will respond when next on duty.	07498 994 205
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