



The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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Photo by Robin Harman

**A dry, sunny morning for the Walking Group at Camps End
20 May 2017**

Letter from the Editor

At last it rained! About two inches in three days (17-19 May). Great for gardens and allotments but the drying winds and higher temperatures mean more is needed. The longer days and the green countryside are, however, a joy.

Our new Parish Nurse, Claire Gillett, has written an interesting piece on page 4.

The Friends of Mother Teresa have done a prodigious amount of knitting in the last year, resulting in great quantities of goods going to people in most need. A coffee morning has raised good funds for Cancer Research UK (pages 6, 4).

We have been lucky to have volunteers willing to collect prescriptions made up in Linton and delivered to the Abington Stores. Now a new volunteer is needed. Can you help? (page 13).

Thanks to Rod Willcox who ordered 60,000 litres of oil on behalf of residents.

Warmest congratulations to two young athletes from Little Abington. In April Angharad Evans (aged 13) lowered her British Age Group record in heats and final to claim the Junior 50m Breaststroke title on the opening night of the British Swimming Championships 2017. In the Duathlon European Championships Peter Cooke came third in the 16-19 year old male sprint Duathlon held in Soria Spain.

Congratulations also to the Courtois family, currently living in Great Abington, who all had remarkable successes in the Sawston Fun Run (page 18).

In June the Abington Walking Group will organise a walk and picnic to celebrate Midsummer (page 12). Naturewatch and the Gardening Club have interesting visits planned in June and the Bowls Club has a programme of matches (pages 16, 18).

TWI has advised us of restricted access to Granta Park (page 13).

Hildersham is holding an Arts Festival on 3-4 June and offers new Pilates classes in the Village Hall (page 8).

On General Election day, 8 June, the Café will be open from 9am to 7pm (page 12).

Valerie Silvey

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Memorial Service PAM & MICHAEL CLAY

Friday 9th June 2017

2.30pm at Little Abington Church

EVERYONE WELCOME

Please join the family for refreshments at the village Institute after the Church service

From the Seven Churches

Message from Claire Gillett, your Parish Nurse...

I have been working in a temporary position, as your Parish Nurse since October last year, but am now thrilled to be appointed as the permanent Parish Nurse, being part of the team caring for your pastoral needs over the 7 churches parishes.

I have been nursing for 40 years (with a break for children duties!) and doing Parish Nursing since 2011, working as the Parish Nurse for St Mary's Ely and combining that with working with the National body of Parish Nursing, developing more services within East Anglia.

As your Parish Nurse I work for the 7 churches, covering West Wickham, Weston Colville, West Wrating, Balsham, Hildersham and Great and Little Abington. I work three days a week. Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays and Thursdays. I am not an emergency service or a replacement for the services already available to you through your General Practice. I do however hold an honorary contract with Granta Medical Practice and have access to the surgery.

I am available to assess your health needs and encourage your wellbeing, whether that is in your body mind or spirit and whether as a patient or as a carer. I can support you through any health difficulties you may have and help you access services you may be unaware of.

I am able to spend time talking through issues you may have concerns about, in your own home or on the phone. These conversations are confidential at all times, however I can contact other health professionals if you so wish. I also attend some groups in the area, so you can catch me there. If you would like me to come to any group you are involved with please contact me.

As a Christian as well as a nurse, I can come alongside you in prayer if you wish, however the Parish Nurse service is open to all faiths and none.

We have been running a series of Parish Nurse events, our most recent being in Hildersham on 23 May, which gives you the opportunity to meet both myself and other members of the Parish Nurse Management group. Please do come along, they are both informative and enjoyable evenings and there is no charge for attending.

If you would like to get in touch my contact details are 0749 899 4205 or email 7churches.parishnurse@gmail.com

If you would like to support the service financially, or with your time, or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer in any capacity (for which a DBS check would be obligatory) we would welcome your input. Please contact Mrs Cazzy Walshe, Parish Administrator for further details. 01223 891 443 or email 7churches.seven@gmail.com

To find out more about Parish Nursing visit www.parishnursing.co.uk

Coffee Morning in aid of Cancer Research UK

On Friday 28 April, a coffee morning was held at The Old House, Little Abington in aid of Cancer Research UK. The morning was very well attended, with kind donations of cakes from a number of those attending. A grand total of £352 was raised, for which we and the charity are very grateful - thank you for your generous donations.

Sarah Ackerman, Charlotte Adams and Tori Lucas.

From the Seven Churches

I am pleased to say that the advert has gone out for a new person to be in charge of our six parishes with interviews planned for 19 June. We are hoping that this will bring the right candidate to lead us into the next phase of our journey together in these communities.

On 23 April we had the St. George's Day celebration service at Balsham. There is a new scout hut under construction in Balsham and I hope before long to give it a blessing. There is also a new Beaver group which meets on Tuesday evenings which is very exciting. The reason I am saying this is because Radio 4 did a piece about the Scout movement saying that there are many children who would like to join but cannot because there is a lack of leaders. Those who do join benefit enormously from the experience of learning to adapt to our busy world with principles and fun together. Can you offer some time to support young people?

The roof at West Wrattling church is virtually finished, with just the painting of the walls to complete the work.

Our Parish Nurse, Claire Gillett, has written a most interesting piece for the magazines this month, which I'm sure you will enjoy reading (page 4).

There are many activities in the churches and villages planned for June so I hope to see you then.

Revd Kathy Bishop

News from the Pews

Sunday 4 June is Pentecost Day, the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated 50 days after Easter Sunday (the name comes from the Greek word *pentekoste* meaning 'fiftieth'. It is also known as Whit Sunday.

Members of the Abington Churches are delighted that our friends from the United Reformed Church will be joining us on for Communion on Sunday 25 June in St Mary's Church Great Abington at 10.45am. Do join us for this special ecumenical service.

On Friday 9 June there is a Memorial Service in Little Abington Church for our friend Pam Clay. The service is at 2.30pm followed by refreshment and shared memories of Pam in the Village Institute (see page 3).

Charity for the month – Emmaus

Emmaus offer homeless people more than just food and shelter, they help the homeless to regain their self esteem by carrying out meaningful work in social enterprises and supporting those less fortunate than themselves.

Please support this local charity by placing your donation in the charity boxes in our churches. Thank you.

Special Notice

Our Church Warden was given notice of the passing of John Grieve-Smith. John and his family lived at 76 High Street Great Abington. He died in February at the age of 89 years. John's ashes will be buried in Abington.

Baptism

The Baptism of Annabelle Jane Morris took place in Great Abington Church on Sunday 30 April. Annabelle is the daughter of Bradley and Emma who live in Mortlock Gardens. A tea party to celebrate the occasion was held in the new community area in the church following the service.

Anne Hall

Little Abington United Reformed Church

This month we are looking forward to the joint service on 25th with St Mary's Church, Great Abington. We invite you to join us for this historic service – or at any other Sunday at 'ours'.

4 June 10.15am Mr Peter Sammons
11 June 10.15am Mr Richard Lewney
18 June 2.30pm Revd. Bruce Waldron (HC)
25 June 10.45am United Service at Gt. Abington Church
For more information please contact Lynne on 893 295.

Co-Workers of Mother Teresa - An update on our work

Since March, 2016, we have been able to send the following to our outlets:

19 sacks containing blankets, children's clothes, hats and scarves to *Hope and Aid Direct* which takes goods overland to refugee camps in Eastern Europe;

67 children's and baby clothes were taken by a pilgrim group visiting the Holy Land and destined for a Bethlehem Orphanage;

20 sacks of various knitted goods delivered to *Knit for Peace*, which distributes goods to homes for the elderly, mother and baby homes, refugee centres and other needy areas in UK. They have also been able to take goods to Syria;

3 sacks of cot blankets and baby knits to the Rosie Neonatal unit;

12 jumpers, hats and scarves for children aged 6 years and over were donated to Syrian refugee children who are being fostered by Cambridge Social Services.

We meet monthly in Chalklands Community Room, Linton.

We are most grateful to the many home workers who supply us with beautifully knitted items. 6 inch knitted squares are also most welcome, which we make up into blankets. Be assured that everything will go to where it is most needed.

More information from Maureen Harper, telephone 891 696.

Linton Jazz & Barbecue Evening Saturday 15 July - tickets available

A delightful village family evening is planned with Linton Jazz and a barbecue in the grounds of Great Abington church on 15 July from 7pm. An outdoor barbecue and drinks will be available from 6.15pm and during the concert. Concert tickets, including a welcoming drink, are £10 with under 18s free; they are available from the Village Shop: Marilyn Broadhurst 893 214, Anne Hall 892 275, Mary Miles 891 083 and Tony Collett 893 447. Chairs will be available; bring rugs if you wish and if the weather is unsuitable it will be held in the church - promises to be a lovely village event.

Cambridge International School

We are continuing to see a significant demand for long term and short term placements at the School, particularly at the Seniors, located in Little Abington. CIS does not offer boarding and therefore would like to work with families in the local community who are interested in hosting students. CIS is in the process of forming a partnership with Study Links International Ltd, an experienced and reputable agency providing homestay and guardianship services to international students all over the UK. If you would like to find out more about what would be involved in hosting international students, including the remuneration available, please contact Alexandra Pearce-Crump at apearcecrump@cischool.co.uk or on 01223 971290.

Village Environment

With the arrival of spring confirmed we can look forward to lots more outdoor activity and for most in the village that means using footpaths so of note to walkers will be that discussions about the closure of the path through Hall Farm in Great Abington continue. Great Abington Parish Council is having preliminary discussions with the landowner about the possibility of establishing an alternative route.

Noise from Granta Park shouldn't disrupt our enjoyment of the village so meetings are planned to meet the estate management team to report more complaints of residents.

Cambs. County Council will conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment of the Worsted Lodge waste site based on the heavy traffic volume it represents and use of minor roads by those lorries.

Trees There is a tree in Church Lane that has been confirmed as diseased and will be removed. This raises the topic of new tree planting in the village that will be a discussion point at the next meeting.

Roads The repairs to the bus shelter on Cambridge Road are now the subject of an insurance claim such was the amount estimated. Please take care using the stop in the meantime.

Planning <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/services/planning-applications>

S/1141/17/FL Perse School Playing Fields. Extensions to existing shelter. The Parish Council recommended approval.

S/1205/17/FL. 39 West Field. First floor extension and porch. The Parish Council recommended approval without referral to the SCDC Planning Committee.

S/1279/17/TP Tree works. 57 Church Lane. The Parish Council had no objection to the proposed works. It would rely on the expert advice and knowledge of the Trees and Landscape Team. However it was noted that work was carried out relatively recently by the previous occupier.

Agri-tech Park. There will be a public exhibition about proposals for a development on the A505 near Sawston on 16 and 17 May. Cllr Orgee advised it would be a substantial development adjacent to a large housing development near Hinxton. He recommended attendance.

Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Abington Institute, High Street

Next Meeting: Monday 26 June 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

Hildersham Village Lunch

We regret that, due to other commitments, we are unable to hold our usual June lunch. Please accept our apologies and we look forward to seeing everyone at the next lunch on Thursday 7 September.

Mobile Library

As notified in last month's magazine, the Mobile Library will now visit on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Visiting time in Hildersham is 12.45pm and the library parks by the telephone box at the end of Beech Row. The service is free to join and use and the friendly staff will give help and information about the facilities available.

Village Picnic Saturday 15 July

Pop the date in your diary now and come along for a picnic in the riverside meadow. More details will be given on flyers and posters and in next month's magazine.

Zigzag Pilates Induction Courses

Hildersham Village Hall

These beginner Pilates exercise programmes will introduce the Body Control Pilates Method and the fundamentals of Pilates – the ABC's of Alignment, Breathing and Centring, other elements of this mind/body fitness experience and how it can help you reach your goals and help me design programs to suit. The Induction courses, which will be 5 weeks long, will run in June and July. They will be for small groups so that I can give more attention to individual clients.

Wednesdays – 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th June and 5th July, 5.30pm to 6.30pm and 7pm to 8pm.

Fridays – 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th June and 7th July, 10.30am to 11.30am.

£9 per 1hr session (payable in advance of the complete course; no refunds will be given for missed classes).

For more information please contact Rachel@zigzagpilates.co.uk or 07905105081 or visit www.zigzagpilates.co.uk for further details.

Arts Festival

Hildersham Arts Festival will take place in the church on Saturday 3 June from 2pm, with an art exhibition, dance and music. Dance demonstration by Strictly Dance at 3pm and a programme of music at 4pm. In between enjoy a cream tea and look round the exhibition at the wonderful display from large sculptures to tiny cross-stitches, from photographs to a range of creative creatures including the one and only Octopod!

The exhibition will also be open on Sunday from 2pm to 4pm.

Father's Day 18 June, 4pm in The Old School Wood

A variant of Café Church is Mossy Church, in other words, Café Church outdoors. This June Mossy Church falls on Father's Day, a perfect opportunity to celebrate the wonders of nature along with the wonders of fatherhood! Revd Ed Olsworth-Peter, Ely advisor for Fresh Expressions of Church, will help to lead the service. Everyone is welcome.

Outspoken Theatre Company Saturday 29 July

Another date to put in the diary; the Outspoken Theatre Company's annual performance of Shakespeare, held in the Old School Wood adjacent to the church (in other words the church car park), will be held on Saturday 29 July. The performance will begin at 6.30 but gates are open from 5.45 for those who would like to have a pre-theatre picnic. This year we are promised a comedy – more details next time.

Hildersham Parish Council A Quality Parish Council



Report on the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 21 May

Resignation of Jean Kelly

After serving on the parish council for over ten years, Jean has stepped down. During this time she chaired the council for three years, worked tirelessly to keep councillors fully informed, joined the Parishes Forum and ensured that the best interests of the parishioners were met; she will be greatly missed. However, she will continue to be part of the Neighbourhood Plan team until this work is completed.

Paths swept on village

Thanks to a public-spirited resident, the paths in Hildersham have been swept clean of leaves. The council is still keen to engage someone to do this work on a regular basis; please contact the Clerk if you are interested.

Back Lane verges: newly planted shrubs

The Highway Dept. has contacted the parish council to advise it that the recently planted shrubs along the Back Road verge should be removed, as this part of the verge has a protected status.

Two new lights

The Council was awaiting news from the contractor on when the new lights would be installed, one was to go opposite the village hall and the other was to light a dark section of Beech Row after the bend from the A1307.

Defibrillator

The council hopes to have the defibrillator fitted to the village hall over the early summer.

The next meeting of Hildersham Parish Council will be on Tuesday 11 July 2017 starting at 7.30pm at Hildersham Village Hall, High Street, Hildersham.

Mobile Library

Tuesday 27 June 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	12.45–1.00pm

(near phone box at end of Beech Lane)

Dates for your Diary

Date		Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Thu	1	Abington Walking Group	10.00am	
Sat	3	Scrapbooking Group	10.00am	11
		Naturewatch visit to Lakenheath Fen		18
		Hildersham Arts Festival – Hildersham Church	2.00pm	8
Sun	4	Hildersham Arts Festival – Hildersham Church	2.00pm	8
Mon	5	Yoga– course and drop in	7.00pm	11
Tue	6	Art Group	9.30am	
		Forget-Me-Not Club	2.00pm	16
		Keep Fit	7.00pm	
Wed	7	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
		Senior Keep Fit – Abington Woods	12noon	
		Abington Gardening Club – visit to Moat House	1.30pm	16
		Dynamic Dance Class	3.15pm	11
Thu	8	General Election – café open all day	7.00am	12
		Abington Bowls Club – Bowling Green		18
Fri	9	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building	9.30am	12
		Low Impact Aerobics	9.30am	12
		Pilates	10.45am	12
Mon	12	Abington & Hildersham WI	7.30pm	17
Tue	13	Art Group	9.30am	
		Abington Bowls Match – Bowling green		18
		Keep Fit	7.00pm	
		Reading Group – 4, Lewis Cres, Great Abington	8.00pm	17
Wed	14	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
		FGMN Club visit to Morrison’s supermarket		16
		Senior Keep Fit – Abington Woods	12 noon	
		Dynamic Dance Class	3.15pm	11
		Yoga – course and drop in	7.00pm	11
Fri	16	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building	9.30am	12
		Low Impact Aerobics	9.30am	12
		Pilates	10.45am	12
Sat	17	Abington Walking Group	10.00am	17
Mon	19	Yoga – course and drop in	7.00pm	11
Tue	20	Art Group	9.30am	
		Forget-Me-Not Club	2.00pm	16
		Keep Fit	7.00pm	
Wed	21	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
		Senior Keep Fit – Abington Woods	12 noon	
		Dynamic Dance Class	3.15pm	11
Thu	22	Abington Lunch	12.45pm	16
		Abington Bowls Match – Bowling Green		18
Fri	23	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building	9.30am	12
		Low Impact Aerobics	9.30am	12
		Pilates	10.45am	12

Sat	24	Rivercare litter pick-up – meet at road bridge/ford Abington Walking Group – Midsummer Walk from Little Abington church Naturewatch visit to Wicken Fen	9.30am 6.00pm	12 18
Mon	26	Yoga – course and drop in Little Abington Parish Council	7.00pm 7.15pm	11 7
Tue	27	Art Group Mobile Library Naturewatch – river sampling, meet at the ford Keep Fit Scrabble Club	9.30am am 5.30pm 7.00pm 7.00pm	9 18 17
Wed	28	Yoga –course and drop in Senior Keep Fit – Abington Woods Dynamic Dance Class	9.30am 12 noon 3.15pm	11 11
Thu	29	Flower Workshop	10.00am	12
Fri	30	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Low Impact Aerobics Pilates	9.30am 9.30am 10.45am	12 11 12

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 June 2017

Thursday lunchtimes 11.30am – 1.30pm (1, 8, 15, and 29) Lunch 22nd

Friday mornings 8.45am – 11.00am

Saturday mornings 10.00am – 12 noon

**General Election Thursday 8 June – café open all day with special lunch menu
(see page 12)**

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 June 2017 (Abingtons and Hildersham)

Mon 5	Mon 12	Mon 19	Mon 26
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 Mon/Wed at 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 at Abington Institute

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

NEW Zigzag Pilates at Hildersham Village Hall –see page 8

Wednesdays 5.30-6.30pm and 7-8pm on 7, 14, 21, 28 June and 5 July

Fridays 10.30-11.30am on 9, 16, 23, 30 June and 7 July.

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). Contact Freda Orgee (891 464) or fredasflowers@hotmail.co.uk

Jeremiah's Café

Election Day Thursday 8 June

All day café 9.00am – 7.00pm

Lunch menu 12.30pm – 2.00pm

Sausage roll, pickle and coleslaw

Quiche, coleslaw and salad garnish

Soup and roll

Cheese and ham toastie

ABINGTON ANNUAL MIDSUMMER WALK AND PICNIC SATURDAY 24 JUNE 2017

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN THE ABINGTON WALKING GROUP IN AN EASY FIVE MILE STROLL WITH A BREAK HALF WAY FOR A PICNIC. BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WE USE SOME PRIVATE LAND TO AND FROM THE ROMAN ROAD.

MEETING AT LITTLE ABINGTON CHURCH AT 6PM.
TO COVER INSURANCE THERE IS A CHARGE OF £1 PER ADULT (DOGS AND CHILDREN WELCOME)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ROBIN HARMAN ON 891 730 OR
GEORGE WOODLEY ON 891 169

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.

Update from TWI regarding restricted access to Granta Park.

TWI has contacted the *News* to provide an update on Granta Park developments.

“A significant item to note is that Granta Park has been advised that it will need to close to public access for a period of time, likely commencing in early June this year.

The action is being undertaken in recognition of the current UK security situation, and in line with recent advice regarding the management of such risks at high profile national research facilities. Other facilities in the area are also reviewing their arrangements in the light of recent events.

TWI very much regrets any inconvenience caused to local residents, and will review this position as and when the national security situation changes.

Access gates will be installed in the near future at the pedestrian access points for Granta Park. A range of other associated security improvements are also being made around individual facilities.

For further information and / or if you have any questions regarding this development then please contact us at TWI, or speak with your Parish Council Chairman.”

[Footnote from the editor - TWI Liaison contact is Catherine.condie@twi.co.uk]

Volunteers wanted please

Currently Linton Surgery Pharmacy offers to deliver repeat prescriptions to Abington shop for Abington residents. This service relies on volunteers to collect and deliver the prescriptions to the shop 3 times a week. Due to retirement, new volunteers are needed to continue this service for Abington's less able residents. A big thank you to Margaret who has made these trips in recent months.

If you or a member of your family collect prescriptions from the Abington shop, please would you consider helping out as a volunteer to collect the prescriptions from Linton. Ideally the prescriptions are collected 3 times a week (Mon, Wed, Fri) from Linton Surgery Pharmacy and driven to Abington Stores.

If you could offer to do this run 1, 2 or 3 times a week please contact Linton Surgery Dispensary on 01223 891 456.

Thanks Linton Dispensary

Murder in my Garden!



Photo by George Woodley

A loud bang on the window made me look out and there, in the garden, was a sparrowhawk enjoying his kill! The joys of country life!

Annual General Meeting – The AGM was held on Monday 15 May when Bernie Talbot and Pennie Zimmern were re-elected as Chairman and vice Chair. The meeting was also pleased to meet our new County Councillor, Henry Batchelor.

Neighbourhood Plan – The Neighbourhood Plan for the former Land Settlement area is progressing well. Once finalised and ratified by a referendum it will enable one extra dwelling to be established on each of the original 63 plots unless one has already been built.

Coach trip – The annual trip will be on Friday 4 August this year and will be to Felixstowe again following the success of last year's trip. Contact the clerk to book your place.

Pampisford Road – Building work is progressing on the Pampisford Road/High Street site. The Parish Council has formally agreed to propose that the new development should be called Moorefield.

Magna Close – Two new signs were due to be erected at the entrance to Magna Close warning drivers of 'Children at Play'. It is hoped that these may encourage drivers to progress more slowly.

Millbank Cottage footpath – There has been a lot of concern about the closure of the footpath that runs close to Millbank Cottage near Hall Farm. It had been agreed with the landowner that the path would be reopened pending the establishment of a permissive footpath on his land along the riverbank from the Millennium Bridge to Abington Hall (TWI). The Parish Council believes that the riverside path will be an excellent facility for the village and would more than make up for the loss of the Millbank Cottage path which is not currently a public right of way. The riverside walk, which would be within Little Abington Parish, will require funding from the Parish Councils, consent from TWI, a fence to separate it from cattle in the field and a written agreement with the landowner.

Planning

The following planning applications were supported by the Parish Council

S/1530/17/LB – Patterson-Lee, 109 High St. Replacement windows etc.

S/1282/17/FL – Smith and Turner, 5 Magna Close, extension and porch.

S/1217/17/FL – Higgins & Boughton-Fox, 61 North Rd, extension.

S/1077/17/FL – Waters, 32 High St. New barn/garage

S/0908/17/FL – Gnanapragasam, 6a Lewis Crescent, extension.

S/0910/17/VC – Granta Park, variation to conditions, facade and landscaping.

S/1115/17/VC – Hill Residential. Pampisford Rd. Application for variation of conditions for extra windows supported, but amendments to garage were objected to.

South Cambs District Council Decisions

S/1601/16/FL – Barn at Cutting Rd. Convert barn to dwelling. Approved.

S/3120/16/LB – Patterson-Lee, 109 High Street, Replace sole plate etc. 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 17 July 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. 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

We look forward to a range of celebratory events at Linton Village College over the coming months. Having enjoyed Year 11 Leavers' Day at the end of May, including farewell messages and a BBQ, at the end of June we have another opportunity to celebrate with our Year 11 students: the Leavers' Ball.

The Ball on Friday 30 June marks the end of the GCSE examination series and the finale of Year 11s time at Linton Village College. It provides an opportunity for the year group to enjoy an evening together before embarking on the next stage of their education and future at different educational establishments.

The Leavers' Ball has become a rite of passage, symbolising students' maturity and independence as they depart from secondary school. This year's theme is Masquerade and promises to be a special and memorable event. I know that students past and present often join staff and students' families to welcome their arrival and the spectacle is somewhat of a community custom. Thanks in advance to village residents for your patience with unusual modes of transport on local roads and any noise or inconvenience caused on the evening of 30th June.

On the following evening, Saturday 1 July, the decorated school hall is the venue for the Friends of LVC's summer fundraising event: The Accelerants Unmasked - *Band & Beerfest*. It is a great community event involving live music and guest beers from Milton Brewery. We hope that this will be a very well-attended evening. Tickets can be purchased via the Friends' website: www.friendsoflvc.org.

Another date for your diaries is 17 September - LVC's 80th birthday celebrations to celebrate 80 years of learning since the College opened in 1937. Further information is available on the LVC80 Facebook page. It would be great if former students can attend; please do share the link with any LVC alumni that you are still in touch with. If anyone is willing to lend memorabilia (photos, records or items of uniform from previous times) we'd love to hear from them via Facebook or lvc80info@gmail.com.

Helena Marsh, Executive Principal

Cambridge Open Studios announces 2017 summer dates for its month-long summer art event, which will feature an exciting range of exhibitions by 350 artists at 221 locations in the city and surrounding areas. The weekends are: July 1/2, 8/9, 15/16 and 22/23. Not all artists will exhibit every weekend so check the website, or refer to the yellow guide, widely available in local outlets including libraries, tourist information sites, galleries and selected shops. For more information please see www.camopenstudios.co.uk or contact Jo Riches on 01638 741830.



Abington Lunch

Thursday 22 June 2017



Fruit Juice

Lemon and Thyme Chicken
Summer Vegetables and New Potatoes

Strawberry Flan with 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 20 June. 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 27 July 2017

Forget-Me-Not Club

Booking speakers is no easy task especially when you have to wait for replies to bookings. You will therefore note the absence of positive bookings for June in the diary below, however the alternatives are that we will have one of these three items on the agenda on either of the two dates, Speaker from Medical Detection Dogs or Talk by our new Parish Nurse, Claire Gillett or a Musical Quiz. Whichever we have, be assured it will be informative, interesting or fun. "We look forward to seeing all our members on both dates.

A Memorial Service for Pam Clay will be held at 2.30pm in Little Abington Church on Friday 9 June (see page 3). We miss Pam's presence at the Club, a kind, friendly lady, always willing to give those less able lifts to meetings, and finally bequeathing a substantial gift to the Club, such was this lady.

Dates for June

Tuesday 6 June – 2pm – See above

Wednesday 14 June – Trip to Morrison's Supermarket

Tuesday 20 June – 2pm - See above

Anne Hall (Chair) Tel. 892 275

Abington Gardening Club

On Wednesday 7 June there will be a visit to the Moat House, Lt. Saxham, Bury St. Edmunds 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

Hadstock Concert 7.30pm, Saturday 10 June, St Botolph's Hadstock CB21 4PH

Beethoven Piano Trio Op 11 for clarinet, cello, piano and pieces for four hands. More details from <http://clairevanepianist.com/>

Abington & Hildersham Women's Institute

Our speaker in May was Ellee Seymour, author of best-selling book "The Shop Girls". Ellee's research followed George Heyworth, a poor but ambitious cotton mill worker from Burnley, to Luton's hat factories. In 1914 he set up a successful milliner's in Burleigh St. with 1000 hats, then bought a second shop in Sidney Sussex St. with large window displays of women's and children's wear to attract more affluent customers. His son, Herbert, took over the business, enjoying a flamboyant lifestyle but always generous to his employees, organising outings to the seaside and Newmarket races. Inside the elegant building, surrounded by luxurious dresses and beautiful accessories, the shop girls temporarily forgot their hard lives. Serving customers from glamorous gypsy queens to the Marchioness of Cambridge, to academia and the city's fashionable elite, it was a place where they forged successful careers. Herbert also opened El Patio cafe, with frothy coffee and bands playing - the trendy place to be seen. Although Herbert had a son by his first wife after they divorced, he was never acknowledged and having no other heir, Heyworth's closed its doors in 1965. Herbert died just four years later. Following this excellent talk, WI member Annette Shortell took us back to the 50s and 60s with her entertaining adverts and slogans quiz.

Next meeting: Monday 12 June - Flowers and Fun with Kate Doggett. Visitors and new members always welcome.

Marilyn Broadhurst (893 214)

Reading Group

13 June	<i>Ice</i> Ulla-Lena Lundberg	Diana Wingfield
11 July	<i>Travels with My Aunt</i> Graham Greene	Liz Obstfeld
8 August	<i>The Gustav Sonata</i> Rose Tremain	Jennifer Hirsh

Please confirm your attendance in June to Diana.

Lisa Pechey

Abington Walking Group

Our May walks started with a nice stroll from Barkway towards Nuthampstead finishing with a good pub lunch.

The Saturday walk was at Camps End (see cover photo).

In June we have three walks, the first being on Thursday 1st, the second being on Saturday 17th and the third on Saturday 24th for our midsummer walk and picnic (see separate panel on page 12).

We usually 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



Scrabble Club

The next meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday 27 June in the Institute. New members very welcome.

Sheena Fraser

Naturewatch June Visits

Naturewatch has two visits planned for June. On Saturday 3 June we will be visiting RSPB Lakenheath Fen where we hope to see warblers, cranes, hobbies, marsh harriers and bitterns.

If you would like to come on the visit contact Derek Turnidge on 891 133 or email derek@turnidges.com



Also on Saturday 24 June we will be visiting Wicken Fen, primarily to see dragonflies and damselflies which are excellent there. We shall also hope to hear several birds, including cuckoos and marsh harriers, and fenland flowers. For more details on this visit contact Jennifer Hirsh on 893 352.

We will be doing the second of our river samplings at the Ford on Tuesday 27 June at 5.30pm. Please meet there if you would like to see what we find in our river. Butterfly sightings have been very good on the sunny days this spring. Please keep reporting what butterflies and bumblebees you see to Jennifer and any bird reports to Derek.

See what's being reported on the Naturewatch website –

<http://abington-naturewatch.blogspot.com> reached through the village website – <http://www.theabingtons.org.uk>.

ABINGTON BOWLS CLUB C&D LEAGUE 2017

Abington started the season on 9 May with a respectable 59-59 draw against Fenstanton A at home.

Much praise must be extended to Roy Mallows and his young apprentice Graham Ross for their sterling work preparing the green over many weeks and Dave Fleet for his bench renovation.



We were delighted to receive four promising new players over our open days. They are all ready to play matches if they are willing to carry on - welcome Margot, Brent, Henry and Janet.

13 June Home Abington – Girton 20 June Away Needingworth – Abington
22 June Home Abington – TWI Abington Derby Match Day
29 Away City B - Abington

Annette Shortell

Abington family's big success at Sawston Fun Run, 14 May 2017

Ideal conditions helped make this event a success with one thousand and ninety-nine entrants turning out for two routes. This was the highest in recent history and should ensure that the fundraising target of £15,000 set by the organisers, the Rotary Club of Cambridge Sawston, will be reached, taking the cumulative total donated to local good causes close to an amazing £440,000. The winning rostrum was dominated by a family living in Abington; Sophie Courtois won the overall ladies event, son Martin won the junior race with his brother Simon coming third and to



complete the foursome, husband Vincent was second in his category. (Photo from the Courtois family). The biggest winners will be the charities and local groups when the funds are donated to them in July. The major beneficiary will be the Arthur Rank Hospice and others to benefit include the Abington Annexe Preschool.

Tony Collett.

Church Services for June 2017

DATE	Gt. Abington 	Lt. Abington 	Hildersham 	Readings
4 June Pentecost	10.45am Communion		6.00pm Evensong	Acts 2.1-21 John 20.19-23
11 June Trinity Sunday		8.00am Communion 6.00pm Evensong	9.15am Communion	Isaiah 40.12-17,27-end Matthew 28.16-end
18 June		9.15am Communion	4.00pm Café Church	Genesis 18.1-15 Matthew 9.35-10.8
25 June	10.45am. Joint Communion with URC		9.15am Communion – Prayer Book	Genesis 21.8-21 Matthew 10-24-39

Church Flower Rota

	Great Abington	Little Abington	Hildersham
4 June	Helen Pimblett	Fiona Snell	Gwen Cutter
11 June	Gillian Treanor	Lesley Crisp and	Gwen Cutter
18 June	Gillian Treanor	Rosemary Mead	Amanda Palmer
25 June	Gill Talbot	Charlotte Adams	Amanda Palmer

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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