



The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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Photo by George Woodley

**A nest full of hopeful new life.
Baby blackbirds in Great Abington
13 June 2017**

Letter from the Editor

The summer solstice came during a heatwave – temperatures soared above 30C on several days coupled with high humidity. *Come friendly rain and fall on our villages! The gardens really do need it. Perhaps the warm, sunny weather will come back for the school holidays, and especially for the village trip to Felixstowe on 4 August (page 13).

The LAPC has cautionary words about speeding and the continuing irresponsible dog owners who don't use the red bins to clear up dog mess. There is also advice on how to report faulty street lights, potholes and uneven pavements (page 6). GAPC reports good progress with building projects and in particular at the Moorefield site – the chimneys are already *in situ* on several houses. There is no further news about access to Granta Park following the note in the June News (page 13).

Recently the medical services at Linton and Sawston merged with Barley and on page 7 we have an interesting explanation of why this was done and the probable benefits.

We still need to find volunteers who would share the task of picking up Linton surgery prescriptions and delivering them to the Abington Stores on two days a week. A proposed way forward is on page 14 and I will certainly volunteer some help. Can you do so too? Many vulnerable people really need this service.

The Grenfell fire was an appalling disaster. Our churches have set up several village collection points for donations that the Red Cross will use to help the victims (page 4, 5).

Linton Village College, founded in 1937, is asking help from past students for memorabilia to use as part of an 80th anniversary celebration (page 9). Can you help?

The WI and FGMN Club can look forward to garden parties in July (pages 5, 16, 17). The Gardening Club and Naturewatch plan interesting visits (pages 17, 18). The Bowls Club seems to be going strong and has an Open Day on 16 July to welcome interested onlookers and potential players (page 18).

Abington United Football Club is concerned to ensure that it has enough committed players for the Club to continue. The first training session is at 7.30pm on 6 July on the Recreation Ground when aspiring players aged at least 15 will be welcome (page 18).

Don't forget the monthly, delicious Abington Lunch, the jazz and barbecue evening at Great Abington church on 15 July and a succession of social occasions at Hildersham – teatime, a picnic and Shakespeare in the Old School Wood. (See pages 12, 16, 8)

My thanks to George Woodley for the delightful cover photo of fledglings that left the nest a day later. Photographs will be especially welcome for the August News which can be short of copy since so many regular activities take a holiday break.

* with apologies to John Betjeman.

Valerie Silvey

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

From the Seven Churches

On 15 July Linton Jazz will be performing at St. Mary's, Great Abington. The evening will begin at 6.15pm. and there will be a barbecue. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the music and the food! Tickets are £10.00 each, and under-18s are free. Tickets are on sale in Great Abington village shop, or from Anne Hall (892 275), Marilyn Broadhurst (893 214), Mary Miles (891 083) and Tony Collett (893 447).

The Outspoken Theatre Company are coming to Hildersham on 29 July to perform 'All's Well that Ends Well'. They will be in the Old School Wood and the performance will begin at 6.30pm. The gates will be open at 6pm. Pre-booked tickets are £10, available from Cathy Myers (892 848) or catherinemyer43@btinternet.com Tickets on the gate are £12 (see page 8).

Congratulations to Vicky Ford who is a member of the Holy Trinity congregation in Balsham and sings in the Seven Churches Choir. Vicky, who has been serving as one of our MEPs for some years, has just been elected as Member of Parliament for Chelmsford.

We need your prayers for the search for our new Parish Priest. Advertisements are being placed in the Church Times newspaper. Please pray for the right priest to be found to serve our seven churches.

Keith Johnson

Little Abington United Reformed Church

We would welcome residents or visitors at our friendly services any Sunday.

2 July	10.15am	Mrs Sarah Devereux
9 July	10.15am	Mrs Wendy Roe
16 July	2.30pm	Revd. Bruce Waldron (HC)
23 July	10.15am	Dr Janet Bottoms
30 July	10.15am	Mrs Liz Wade

We will be supporting the village collection for the Grenfell Fire Relief Fund (see below).

For more information please contact Lynne on 893 295.

Grenfell Fire Relief Fund

Our hearts go out to the victims of the Grenfell Tower fire disaster and many of us would like to do something to help. Therefore St Mary's Church is coordinating the village's response to the Red Cross appeal called the London Fire Relief Fund. If you would like to contribute as part of the Abington appeal, we have placed collection boxes in the village shop, the Institute, the school, the pub and Great and Little Abington churches and the United Reformed Church.

In Hildersham the collection taken at the Mossy Church service on 18 June was for the Red Cross Relief Fund for the Grenfell Tower disaster. Donations can also be made in the box in Hildersham church. Further information from Cathy Myer (892 848).

News from the Pews

Nelson Mandela's birthday, 18 July, was declared an International Day by the United Nations in 2009 in recognition of, and to celebrate, his contribution towards peaceful resolution of disputes. One of Nelson's many famous quotes is most poignant at this time; 'No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite'.

Many thanks to all who contributed towards Christian Aid. The amount raised was £785.64. Gift Aid will be added to this too – A Great Result

Thursday 6 July – PCC Meeting in Great Abington Church at 7pm.

Sunday 9 July – A special All Age Service in St Mary's Church Little Abington at 10.45am. The service will include the baptism of baby Tom Phipps.

Wednesday 12 July – Space to Be at 55 Church Lane from 7.30pm. For further details contact Rosemary on 891 718

Saturday 15 July – Jazz and Barbecue evening from 6.15pm with music by Linton Jazz in the grounds of Great Abington Church. Tickets £10 (under 18's free) are available from Mary Miles, Marilyn Broadhurst, Tony Collett, Anne Hall (telephone numbers on page 12) or the Village Shop. See posters for further details.

Tuesday 18 July – The PCC invite the Forget-Me-Not Club and friends to join them for tea and cake in the grounds of the church. There will be musical entertainment by Beannie, a well known musician from the Suffolk area.

Dates for your Diary – The annual Church Garden Party will this year be held on Saturday 19 August at 41 Church Lane, by kind permission of Little Abington Church Warden Graham Ross (see page 12).

Messy Church will this time be held in Abington Woods on Sunday 6 August at 3.30pm. More details in August edition.

Charity of the Month – Our charity will be the **London Fire Relief Fund** which has been set up by the Red Cross to support the victims of the Grenfell Tower disaster. Please give generously. See also page 4.

Funeral Service The funeral took place on Wednesday 31 May of Malcolm Douglas Hannah aged 92 in Great Abington Church followed by the committal in Little Abington Churchyard. A gathering of many friends and family followed in the Village Institute to share memories of Malcolm. Our condolences to his widow Bertha and their family.

Memorial Service A service to celebrate and give thanks for the lives of Michael Henry and Pamela Grace Clay took place in Lt. Abington Church on Friday 9 June followed by refreshments in the Village Institute. Friends and relatives gathered for the occasion.

Burial of Ashes A committal service for the burial of ashes of Edna Grounds took place in Little Abington Churchyard on Friday 16 June.

Marriage The marriage took place between Mike Govier and Carly Fitzjohn in Great Abington Church on Saturday 17 June. The couple enjoyed the new facilities in the church by following the ceremony with tea and cake in the community area. We wish them well in their life together.

Anne Hall

Parish Council Members and Elections

At the meeting held on 22 May, Paul Pritchard resigned ahead of his move to Scotland in June. The chairman thanked him for his input and commitment over the last five years. Ewan Adams has also resigned due to his work commitments. His departure creates a vacancy on the Parish Council. Please see the noticeboard or the Parish Council website (www.theabingtons.org.uk/parish-councils/little-abington-parish-council/) for details.

Peter Brunning was unanimously re-elected as chair of the Parish Council.

Speeding in the village

This issue was raised at the Annual Parish meeting and obviously concerns a number of residents. Please notify the Parish Council about specific places and times of day when drivers are speeding, if possible with details of the vehicles involved. It was also suggested that repainting white lines on the roads, especially at points that are particularly hazardous, for example, the corner of Church Lane by the church, would contribute to improving road safety. We are actively looking for more volunteers to assist with Speedwatch campaigns in the village and would be delighted to hear from you if you have time available for this.

Lights, roads and pavements

Residents are reminded to inform the Parish Council about faulty lights, potholes and uneven paving, with brief details. You can also report them directly to the Highways team at SCDC: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults/>.

Trees

Dead trees and branches are a risk on footpaths and pavements in the village. The Parish Council has already identified some places where action needs to be taken. Please make sure that trees and shrubs in gardens are not encroaching on public rights of way, or obstructing street lights, following the recent spurt of spring growth.

Dog fouling

This is a perennial problem that was raised at the Annual Parish meeting and has been a topic of concern on the Abingtons Facebook page. Specific problem areas have been identified, such as public footpaths, the playing fields and the paths through Sluice Wood. The Parish Council has discussed a variety of solutions, including more posters and information, the provision of poo bags, more poo bins and the possibility of taking legal action and imposing fines on dog owners.

City Deal workshops

Representatives from the Parish Council have been attending a series of workshops about the proposals for the City Deal that may affect local communities along the A1307. These include the siting of another Park & Ride between Haverhill and Fourwentways.

Further details can be found at:

http://www5.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/citydeal/info/2/transport/1/transport_projects_and_consultations/9.

Planning <http://www.scams.gov.uk/services/planning-applications>

S/1205/17/FL 39 West Field. First floor extension and porch. Approved.

S/0913/17/FL 12 Church Lane. Two storey side and rear extensions and single storey front extension. Approved.

Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Abington Institute, High Street

Next Meeting: Monday 24 July 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

Granta Medical Practices Update

During April the Barley Practice (Barley and Market Hill Surgery in Royston) merged with the Granta Medical Practices (Linton and Sawston) to form one practice. The obvious question is why?

The NHS as a whole, and general practice in particular, is facing major challenges. The average rate for all users of consulting a GP has more than doubled per head of the population in the last decade. More and more patients who would previously have been in hospital with complex problems are now being treated in the community by the practice team. This is only made possible through moving from the traditional 'Dr Finlay' model of general practice into a team-based service, with a mix of skills, training and backgrounds.

This team can only work effectively at a certain scale – and NHS England has made it clear that future investment in general practice will be directed to those practices who have between 30,000 and 50,000 registered patients.

The mergers of Linton, Barley, Royston and Sawston into one practice has created a single practice of some 34,000 patients. More importantly, the mergers have come about because of a shared aspiration and belief within our teams that by merging we can better meet our local healthcare needs.

By coming together patients of the Granta Medical Practices now have access to services across four sites, including extended opening hours every day of the working week. The practice also has Emergency Care Practitioners (Paramedics) supporting the doctors and nurses in providing rapid home assessments for those unable to attend the surgeries. With a bigger team comes the opportunity to share expertise and specialist skills across a bigger population.

Granta Medical Practices has just been recognised nationally as a 'Primary Care Home' – an entity seen as one sustainable model for the future of the NHS. Over time, as a Primary Care Home, the practice will gradually provide more and more services including some currently delivered in hospital outpatients or day case surgery. The model encourages all those working around our patients to come together in a single structure, where patient needs come first and traditional NHS boundaries between organisations become more fluid. We are hopeful that this status will give us enhanced access to new funds and support as it becomes available.

As a practice we are positive that these changes will strengthen our ability to provide high-quality personal and human care to our local villages. Already, the practice is getting other GPs asking to come and work within Granta – and this is happening at a time when there is a national and regional recruitment crisis for GPs. This is a major vote of confidence from the profession for Granta and will help ensure that all of us continue to have access to high quality general practice for years to come.

We are enormously grateful to all our patients for their support during the transition and look forward to developing the service in partnership in the months and years ahead.

Dr James Morrow

Hildersham Focus

It's Summer, It's Teatime! Thursday 6 July, 3.00 – 4.30

Let's celebrate the long summer days with Teatime. We hope you will join us for a seasonal tea - scones, jam and cream of course along with other favourites.

Village Picnic Saturday 15 July

Assemble your mini-feast, get out the picnic blanket and chairs, chill the Prosecco/Pepsi/pineapple juice and come along to the riverside meadow. There'll be games for the kids, maybe some music, and a chance to relax and catch up with friends. What better way to spend a summer afternoon?

Outspoken Theatre Company Saturday 29 July

Book your tickets now! 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. This year the play is William Shakespeare's 'All's Well that Ends Well', a great play that is not as well-known as some of his others. The performance will begin at 6.30pm but gates are open from 6pm for those who would like to have a pre-theatre picnic. Do bring your own garden chairs if you would prefer those to the ones provided, and bring a rug in case it gets chilly. We have never had to retreat indoors because of poor weather, but that is always an option so don't let the threat of rain put you off; rain will not stop play!

Pre-booked tickets £10, tickets at the gate £12,
U18s free from catherinemyer43@btinternet.com or 892 848 and
a.westwoodbate@gmail.com or 892 430



Arts Festival

Hildersham Arts Festival was truly festive. More than 150 people enjoyed a sunny afternoon in the church surrounded by beautiful art and crafts, watching the skilled and graceful dancing by Graeme and Sarah and listening to a variety of lovely music by Keith Day with the 7Churches Choir and the Sampford Singers.



The cream teas were delicious. The PCC would like to thank everyone who took part for making this such a memorable and joyful occasion – the exhibitors, performers, refreshment team and all who came along to share the fun. Some folk even came for second helpings on Sunday, just to have a quiet look at the lovely work.

Do look on the Hildersham website to watch the dancing – it was magic!

Photo by Andrew Westwood-Bate

Hildersham donations to the Grenfell Tower disaster fund – see page 4.

Hildersham Parish Council A Quality Parish Council



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.

Celebration and Artwork to mark 80 Years at Linton Village College

Linton Village College will celebrate its 80th anniversary from 2 to 4pm on **Sunday 17 September 2017**. During the event the College plans to display photos, stories and memorabilia from 80 years of school life at LVC. Former students willing to share memories or lend items for the occasion are invited to contact LVC80info@gmail.com, call 07931 966 952 or write to **LVC80, Linton Village College, Cambridge Road, Linton, Cambs. CB21 4JB**.

The school first opened its doors in September 1937 and since then generations of students have grown up through the College. Thousands of young people have gained essential skills and qualifications as well as forming lifelong friendships and memories during their time at LVC.

Students and staff from across the decades will be warmly welcomed “back to school” on Sunday 17 September to remember good times over tea and cake, and to admire the school today with a chance to tour the new buildings and facilities.

Updates about the anniversary will be provided on Facebook: @LVC80.

Commemorative Mosaic

As a permanent commemoration of Linton Village College’s 80th anniversary, 1937- 2017, this summer term students will be installing a ceramic mosaic in the original part of the school building.

The mosaic will be a lasting legacy for the College and Linton community, designed and built collaboratively by Year 7 students and professional artist, Jim Anderson. London-based artist Jim (www.kenya-mosaic.com) has many years of experience in mosaic-making with schools and community groups around the world. He grew up in Linton and still has family in the village. Examples of Jim’s work can be seen locally in the foyer at Addenbrooke’s hospital.

The installation will take place 22-23 and 29-30 June 2017. The mosaic will be formally unveiled at the anniversary celebration on Sunday 17 September 2017.

Linton Village College's anniversary celebration is made possible by funding from Linton Parish Council. The commemorative mosaic is being funded by Linton Parish Council, Friends of LVC, the Anderson Trust and Crofton Engineering Ltd.

Dates for your Diary

Date		Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Sat	1	Scrapbooking Group	10.00am	11
Mon	3	Yoga – course and drop in	7.00pm	11
Tue	4	Art Group Forget-Me-Not Club Keep Fit	9.30am 2.00pm 7.00pm	16
Wed	5	Yoga – course and drop in Senior Keep Fit – Abington Woods Dynamic Dance Class	9.30am 11.30am 3.15pm	11 12 11
Thu	6	Hildersham Teatime Abington Walking Group Abington Gardening Club – visit to Reed Cottage Abington United Football Club – Recreation Ground	3.00pm 10.00am 6.10pm 7.30pm	8 17 17 18
Fri	7	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Low Impact Aerobics Pilates	9.30am 9.30am 10.45am	11 11 11
Mon	10	Abington & Hildersham WI – The Old Paddock Yoga – course and drop in	5.30pm 7.00pm	16 11
Tue	11	Art Group Keep Fit Hildersham Parish Council – Village Hall Reading Group – 31 West Field, Little Abington	9.30am 7.00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	9 17
Wed	12	Yoga – course and drop in FGMN Club visit to Morrison’s supermarket Senior Keep Fit – Abington Woods Dynamic Dance Class Space to Be – 55 Church Lane, Little Abington	9.30am 11.30am 3.15pm 7.30pm	11 16 12 11 5
Fri	14	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Low Impact Aerobics Pilates	9.30am 9.30am 10.45am	11 11 11
Sat	15	Hildersham Village Picnic – riverside meadow Linton Jazz & Barbecue – Gt. Abington Church	7.00pm	8 12
Sun	16	Abington Bowls Club Open Day – bowling green	2.30pm	18
Mon	17	Yoga – course and drop in Great Abington Parish Council	7.00pm 7.15pm	11 13
Tue	18	Art Group FGMN Club – Great Abington church grounds Keep Fit	9.30am 2.00pm 7.00pm	16
Wed	19	Yoga – course and drop in Senior Keep Fit – Abington Woods	9.30am 11.30am	11 12
Sat	22	Abington Walking Group	10.00am	17
Mon	24	Little Abington Parish Council	7.15pm	7
Tue	25	Art Group Mobile Library	9.30am am	12

		Scrabble Club	7.00pm	18
		Keep Fit	7.00pm	
Wed	26	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
		Senior Keep Fit – Abington Woods	11.30am	12
		Yoga – course and drop in	7.00pm	11
Thu	27	Abington Lunch	12.45pm	16
Sat	29	Rivercare litter pick-up – meet at road bridge/ford	9.30am	
		Naturewatch visit to Fleam Dyke	a.m.	18
		Shakespeare in Old School Wood, Hildersham	6.30pm	8

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 July 2017

Thursday lunchtimes	11.30am – 1.30pm (6, 13, and 20) Lunch 27 th
Friday mornings	8.45am – 11.00am
Saturday mornings	10.00am – 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

Wheelie bin dates for July 2017 (Abingtons and Hildersham)

Mon 3	Mon 10	Mon 17	Mon 24	Mon 31
Green/Blue	Black	Green/Blue	Black	Green/Blue

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 June News

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.

Senior Keep Fit - Wednesdays 11.30 – 12.30 at Abington Scout Hut, Church Lane, Little Abington. Chair-based exercises for strength. Improve your balance. Improve your general well-being. Venue and time have changed. New members very welcome. Come and join in with some stretches and gentle exercises. Have fun and make new friends. For more information contact: Viki Green Level 4 exercise referral specialist. Tel: 07762 902976. Email: Victoriagreen@btinternet.com

Mobile Library

Tuesday 25 July 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)



Linton Jazz & Barbecue Evening Saturday 15 July

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.

GARDEN FÊTE

Saturday 19 August 2.30-4.30pm
41 Church Lane, Lt. Abington
(next door to church)

Cream teas, cakes, plants & produce,
bric-a-brac & books,
fun & games for all the family,
RAFFLE

Offers of help and donations of items for stalls gratefully received.
Proceeds in aid of St. Mary's churches.

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.

Granta Park – At the time of writing last month's *News* entry the situation regarding access to Granta Park being closed was not known. The meeting at which the chairmen of the Parish Councils were informed was after the *News* copy deadline. We are still doing our best to retain access to Granta Park for village residents but this is now looking less likely despite our efforts. Parishioners who feel as disappointed by this development as we are should make their feelings known to the TWI Public Relations Officer by email at catherine.condie@twi.co.uk or by phone 899 000 Ext. 9537.

Neighbourhood Plan – The Neighbourhood Plan for the former Land Settlement is progressing well. We had a good level of responses to the recent consultation and we have considered these carefully. There will be a further round of consultation on the redrafted Plan beginning in July which will be the last time to comment before the Plan goes to a vote.

Coach trip – Please remember to book your space on the annual trip with the Parish Council clerk. We are hoping for good weather on Friday 4 August for the trip to Felixstowe.

Pampisford Road – Things are now moving rapidly at the Moorefield site. Plot number one on the corner will be the show home and is expected to open in the autumn.

Magna Close – The 'Children at Play' signs have now been erected at the entrance to Magna Close. This is an important area where children do frequently play and we hope that drivers will heed the warnings.

Millbank Cottage footpath – The issue of the Millbank Cottage footpath is on hold pending clarification of Granta Park access.

Community infrastructure – Section 106 funding is money that can come to the village as a result of new developments, to improve community infrastructure and facilities. The S106 funding that would result from the proposed Linton Road development, if it is approved, is currently under consideration. We are aware that some funding would go to the education department to enable the village school capacity to be increased in due course. The Parish Council is considering what other community facilities need to be created or enhanced. Suggestions are always welcome.

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 surgery prescription pick up

As many Abington residents are aware we have an excellent arrangement where prescriptions can be issued by Linton Surgery Pharmacy and picked up at Abington Village Stores. This service has always relied on volunteers to collect the consignment from Linton and deliver it to the shop. For a long period it was done by the Posties and since that stopped it has relied on a few stalwart volunteers.

Unfortunately, the service is likely to stop in September unless new volunteers can be found to share the load. We are suggesting that there would be two pick-up days each week, on a Tuesday and a Friday. As everyone is very busy we feel that if enough people are willing to go onto a rota and do the collections for a week or two each year it would get the job done.

This is a very convenient arrangement for many people and a crucial service for some of our elderly and less mobile residents. It also contributes to saving the planet as two journeys to pick up the prescriptions saves a huge number of individual journeys.

Please get in touch with me at christine.talbot810@btinternet.com or by phone 892 647 if you feel that you can help even if it is only for one week per year.



Cambridge Open Studios announces 2017 summer dates

Artists of many different kinds will open their doors to the public over the first four weekends in July. Among the huge range of specialisms will be: fine art, photography, pottery, glass making, sculpture, illustration, textiles, jewellery and furniture making, and more besides.

The weekends are: July 1/2, 8/9, 15/16 and 22/23. However, as not all artists will exhibit every weekend it is important to check the website, or refer to the famous yellow guide. These guides will be widely available in local outlets including libraries, tourist information sites, galleries and selected shops.

More than 350 members are exhibiting in 221 different studios. Many of the artists share studios or work in a collective so in some locations visitors may be able to see work from several artists and craftspeople.

The participating studios are spread throughout the whole region, not just in the city centre, and there will be a wonderful variety of talent on show, with some artists collaborating to share their exhibition space on their chosen dates. As usual, the distinctive yellow COS flags will be out to identify participating studios. For more information or for additional comment please see www.camopenstudios.co.uk or contact Jo Riches on 01638 741830. jo@spirusmarketing.com

Linton Village College

Linton Village College has a strong reputation for industry links, having been designated a Business and Enterprise specialist school since September 2003. We continue to enjoy effective relationships with industry and our young people benefit from access to enterprise opportunities.

In June, all of our Year 10 students spent enrichment week engaged in work experience. Many had sourced their own placements to pursue a specific interest ranging from the Park Inn Radisson Hotel in Ostrava, Czech Republic and at the Aircraft Restoration Company, Duxford working on the BBMF Lancaster bomber, to experiencing legal practices in Haverhill and interior design in Linton. While we support our learners in developing skills ready for life beyond LVC, and provide them with careers education, advice and guidance, experiencing employment situations first-hand provides students with rich learning. For some it has confirmed career decisions, for others tested them. The feedback from our students and the companies has been incredibly positive.

As a member of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's Local Enterprise Partnership we benefit from industry support, including careers training and business mentoring. Our long-standing partnership with Dalehead Foods, through the BITC Business Class programme, is an excellent example of the positive impact that business links can have. Our students have enjoyed annual enterprise projects and employability skills opportunities. The school has also benefited from improvements to the site through the company's volunteer scheme.

We have, in addition, been fortunate to receive financial donations from local businesses to support school events and projects. As has been well-publicised in the local and national press, education budgets are incredibly challenging at present due to real-term reductions in funding. The school is grateful for such generous monetary contributions.

We are keen to continue to develop wider community and business links to enrich the curriculum and provide students with opportunities for authentic, real-world learning. If any local companies are able to offer support we would be keen to hear from you. We would also welcome additional work experience placements for future cohorts.

Ian Simmons, Head of the Business and Enterprise Faculty (ian.simmons@lvc.org) would be happy to receive any support that local industry is able to offer.

Helena Marsh, Executive Principal

Cambridge Past, Present & Future (CambridgePPF) – events in July

Measure for Measure at the Leper Chapel with in situ theatre company.

Thursday 13 July - Saturday 15 July, 8pm

'Measure for Measure' by William Shakespeare is as urgent and compelling now as it was when it was written more than 400 years ago. £12 (£10 concessions). Tickets can be bought on the door from 7.30pm, but space is limited, so advance booking is recommended via www.insitutheatre.co.uk

Saturday 15 July – 11am to 3pm. Archaeology for all at Wandlebury. CB22 3AE.

Children interested in archaeology? The Cambridge Young Archaeology Club will be at Wandlebury today providing practical activities and guided tours around Wandlebury Iron Age Hillfort. Free event, open to everyone, all welcome. Donations welcome towards the upkeep of the park. <http://www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on/>

Tuesday 25 July – 10.00am to 12.00pm

Gruffalo Woods—holiday event for accompanied children at Wandlebury CB22 3AE.

Ages 3 to 5. Re-live the Gruffalo stories looking for homes of the characters in our woods. £8 per child, £6 members. Booking essential. bookings@cambridgeppf.org

More details of all events at <http://www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on/>



Abington Lunch

Thursday 27 July 2017



Fruit Juice

Lasagne, Summer Vegetables and Garlic Bread

Summer Pudding 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 25 July. 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 24 August 2017

Forget-Me-Not Club

It has become the tradition for our last meeting before the summer break to hold a Garden Party. This year our party will be held in the grounds of St Mary the Virgin Church in Great Abington (inside if wet). This has been made possible by the generosity of many members of our community who contributed to the wonderful extensions within the church, enabling us to have not only running water but toilets and a kitchen too. We invite all our generous cake makers and friends of members also. We will be entertained by a wonderful pianist and singer - 'Beannie', who is well known in the Suffolk area – please do join us for this occasion. Plenty of parking space at the church.

Prior to this we have a local speaker, Marnie Munns. Marnie is an airline pilot, we are sure this will be a most interesting talk.

Meetings are open to all in our community, do join us, you do not have to be a member although entrance fee will be £4 as opposed to members who pay £2.

Dates for July

Tuesday 4 July – The speaker is Marnie Munns, Marnie's talk is on her work as an Airline pilot.

Wednesday 12 July – Trip to Morrison's Supermarket.

Tuesday 18 July – Garden Party in the grounds of Great Abington Church with musical entertainment.

The Club is CLOSED through-out August.

Wednesday 9 August – Trip to Morrison's Supermarket.

The committee wish all the members a Happy and Restful Summer Break and look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 5 September.

Anne Hall (Tel:892 275)

Abington & Hildersham Women's Institute

Kath Doggett, a NADFAS demonstrator, promised us fun and flowers at our June meeting. She produced three beautiful arrangements with roses, stocks and peonies while entertaining us with stories and lots of useful tips. Being an organic gardener, she grows much of her own greenery and uses nematodes against slugs (but they don't work on snails) to prevent lacy hosta leaves. Foliage gives line, focus and filler to make a few flowers go further, but wait until June before cutting new shoots and they shouldn't wilt. Cut the stems of flowers and immerse immediately into water. For non-wilting roses plunge into boiling water and leave until cold. Stocks have a lovely scent, but remove the leaves to avoid a cabbage water smell. Allow Oasis to soak slowly, writing uppermost. Most flowers like a shower from a handheld spray to freshen them, but don't spray lilies. Three lucky members each took home one of the arrangements as a raffle prize.

Next meeting: Monday 10 July 5.30pm Garden Party at The Old Paddock by kind invitation of Audrey Bugg

Marilyn Broadhurst (893 214)

Abington Gardening Club

On Thursday 6 July there will be an evening visit to Reed Cottage, Little Wilbraham, CB21 5LB leaving the Institute at 6.10pm 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

Reading Group

11 July	<i>Travels with My Aunt</i> Graham Greene	Liz Obstfeld
8 August	<i>The Gustav Sonata</i> Rose Tremain	Jennifer Hirsh
12 September	<i>Fair Stood the Wind for France</i> H.E. Bates	Rachel Haining

Please confirm your attendance in July to Liz.

Lisa Pechey

Abington Walking Group

In the June heat we walked to Littlebury Green/Elmdon and Quy Fen/Quy Waters. Several villagers enjoyed our Midsummer walk.

The July walks will be on Thursday 6th and Saturday 22nd.

We are anticipating a pub lunch on Thursday 3 August – watch this space !

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 25 July in the Institute. New members very welcome.

Sheena Fraser



Naturewatch June Visits

Naturewatch has three visits planned for July to look at butterflies and chalkland plants.

Two dates have yet to be finalised: to Cherry Hinton Chalkpits and to the Old Railway Line in the village. Members will be contacted when these are finalised.

Butterfly and flora outing to Fleam Dyke on Saturday 29 July in the morning to see Chalkhill blue butterflies and flowers led by Jennifer Hirsh (893 352).

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 Bowls Club remains unbeaten in the Cambridge and District League – 5 wins, 1 draw. We are in the top four mix with games in hand so need to beat Abington TWI in a forthcoming home match.



We have mixed fortunes in the Business House matches but still in contention for various cup events.

We are holding a Club Day at 2.30pm on Sunday 16 July at our home bowling green in Little Abington. If you would like to watch or try bowls please come along.

Annette Shortell

Abington United Football

Abington United FC had an AGM on 16 May to discuss, amongst other things, whether the Club would continue to run for another season. Abington United was formed in 1947 and at one time in its history fielded two Saturday sides and two Sunday sides. However, our main concern now is the number of committed players who will play weekly. We play in Division 2, which is a reasonable standard, so if there is anybody who has recently moved into the area and wants to play, or anybody who wants to rekindle their football skills, please let me know. You need to be 16 years old to play but we would welcome 15 year olds to come and train with us. At a time when a lot of village clubs are folding we would very much like to keep Abington United running for future generations.

Training starts on the first Thursday in July, 6th, at 7.30pm at Abington Rec. For further information please phone 077485-63322.

John Webb, AUFC Secretary

Church Services for July 2017

DATE	Gt. Abington 	Lt. Abington 	Hildersham 	Readings
2 July	10.45am Communion		6.00pm Evensong	Genesis 22.1-14 Matthew 10.40-end
9 July		10.00am All Age Service 6.00pm Evensong	9.15am Communion	Genesis 24.34-38,42-49,58-end Matthew 11.16-19,25-end
16 July	9.15am Communion		4.00pm Café Church	Genesis 25.19-end Matthew 13.1-9,18-23
23 July		10.45am Communion	9.15am Communion – Prayer Book	Genesis 28.10-19a Matthew 13.24-30,36-43
30 July		10.00am United Communion		Genesis 29.15-28 Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

Church Flower Rota

	Great Abington	Little Abington	Hildersham
2 July	Gill Talbot	Charlotte Adams	Lynne Hartland
9 July	Annette Thompson	Gaynor Brookes	Lynne Hartland
16 July	Annette Thompson	Gaynor Brookes	
23 July	Ann Godden	Kate Franklin	
30 July	Ann Godden	Kate Franklin	Sarah Hall

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 994205
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