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Photo by John Patterson

Abington Bowls Club unearths an ancient well on the green

Letter from the Editor

Suddenly, in May the trees and hedges turned green, blossom abounded and it seemed that spring had definitely arrived and with it some really warm weather. If that leads you to worry about hay fever, see page 9 where there is medical advice on how to cope with this real problem. Best wishes to all those sitting exams while the sun shines.

The Abington Bowls Club had an unexpected find on the bowling green when it began preparations for the new season (see cover photo and page 18). Open days attracted potential new players to the game.

Table tennis at the Institute has maintained a good following and now there is a new opportunity for tennis lessons at Linton Village College (page 12). The Midsummer Walk and picnic will provide healthy outdoor exercise, while the new, exciting Scootathlon in Hildersham and outings by the Gardening Club should not be missed (pages 12, 16, 17, 8). The Abington Amble around gardens on 16 June combines walking and horticulture. Congratulations to the Curtois family from Great Abington who have excelled in the Sawston Fun Run (page 13). Remember the Abington 10k and Fun Run is scheduled for 7 October. See posters for details.

The Abington and Hildersham WI hosted a highly successful and entertaining evening with members from Balsham and Linton (page 18). Interesting lectures are on offer in Hildersham and from the WI and Forget-Me-Not Club in June (pages 8, 17, 18).

The Parish Councils report the outcome of the recent local elections and continued wide-ranging activity on our behalf, not least in considering planning applications. Important housing developments are covered in the GAPC report. It also has to note little progress in trying to restore access by villagers to Granta Park. However, we can take heart at the prospect of a village outing to Felixstowe in early August (pages 7, 8, 13, 14).

Page 5 reports the gift of a fine new wall sculpture in Little Abington Church, dedicated to the memory of David French, a long-serving churchwarden. Also recorded are successful and potential fundraising activities for excellent causes. The Helping Hands scheme, which provides transport for people needing to get to medical and other appointments, is in urgent need of more volunteer drivers. If you are interested in helping the contact details are on page 13. The food bank continues to need donations too (page 4).

Valerie Silvey

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Articles for the July 2018 edition of *The Abingtons and Hildersham News* should be sent to the Editor by Friday 15 June 2018 at news@theabingtons.org.uk. Photos welcome.

(The editor apologises to the Chairman and members of the GAPC for printing an incorrectly late start time for the meetings on 21 May.)

From the Seven Churches

As I've been settling in I've been struck by the beauty of the landscapes that surround our villages, especially the waving yellow fields at this time of year and the wide horizons. Gazing into the sunlit distance as far as the eye can see, it can be quite captivating, almost numinous. It reminds me of the words of the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, as he gazed out one day and saw a world 'charged with the grandeur of God'.

My horizons have also been broadened by the variety of people I've encountered. Recently, for example, I met with representatives of the charity *Reach Community Projects*. Reach is based in Haverhill but also works in south Cambridgeshire. It began by founding a debt advice centre but has expanded to include running a food bank and assisting people with housing and benefit enquiries. I was very impressed with the scope of its vision and the number of people it assists. This has opened my eyes to ways in which we can support one another in our villages and surrounding areas.

At this time of year in the Church we prepare to celebrate Pentecost. Here we remember that God's Spirit dramatically widened the horizons of the early disciples who were gathered in Jerusalem after the resurrection. Their powerful experience of God's Spirit shaped them into a community that supported one another in prayer, compassion and friendship. It took them out of the upper room where they were staying and into the wider world, bearing a message of God's love for us in Christ.

It can help us all, now and then, to pause and gaze into the distance as far as our eyes can see. When we broaden our horizons, we can be captivated by the beauty of our environment as if noticing places for the first time. We can also see more of the different needs in our local community and be inspired with concern and love for our wider world.

Revd Iain McColl

Carla Hall

The family of Carla Hall would like to pass on their thanks for the cards and kind messages received following her untimely death last year. An interment of her ashes took place on Friday 4 May at St Mary's Church, Little Abington, which is now her final resting place. Carla had lived in Abington all her life and attended the village primary school before moving on to Linton Village College. She was well known in the area having cared for many local people in her role as a care assistant for both City Care Services and the Sawston Reablement Team. This was an occupation she loved doing as she had time for people and enjoyed the social interaction. We believe that her warm conversation and witty observations endeared her to everyone, especially the elderly clients she cared for. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Haverhill Foodbank (Reach Community Projects)

There is a general need at the moment for the following items – small jars of coffee, teabags, sugar, long-life juice and milk, biscuits, instant mash, custard and tinned items (tomatoes, fruit, vegetable, meat/fish, sponge pudding).

Please use collection points in the village churches and the Institute for your donated items. Thank you.

A new wall sculpture in Little Abington Church

I wonder if you have noticed the new addition to St Mary's Church, Little Abington? The Tower room at the back of the Church has been converted into a quiet space for private prayer or just some time to be alone with your thoughts and enjoy the silence away from this busy world.

A wall sculpture has been installed, dedicated to the memory of David French, who was church warden for 17 years. The wall sculpture was designed by the Rowan Foundation in the shape of a rose, using walnut, elm and oak. Rowan is a Cambridge-based charity and arts centre for people with learning disabilities. Above the rose are the words, *'Be still; and know that I am God'* from Psalm 46. David loved peace and quiet with time for meditation.



We are grateful to Pamela French and family for this beautiful addition to the church. Please do visit and see the sculpture. You may like to savour the peace and quiet that David and many others have found in this special space. The church is open every day.

Charity Football Match

On Sunday 6 May we held a charity football match in memory of Dennis Lightning. This was followed by a raffle and BBQ at The Three Tuns pub. We raised an incredible £1,500, which was donated to The Stroke Association. A huge thank you to everyone who helped to organise this event and to all of the villagers who turned out to support it. We hope to make this an annual event, so we look forward to seeing you all next year!

Andy Gambie

Flower Festival at St Mary's, Weston Colville

In addition to beautiful flowers there will be a display of wedding dresses. Tea and cakes will be available.

Saturday 23 June 11am to 6pm

Sunday 24 June 10am to 6pm

There will be a special service to celebrate married life at 9.15am on Sunday 24th. All are welcome.

The Ruby Wagstaff 2018 Charity Auction Night

Join us for a fundraising auction of prizes and promises. All proceeds go to the charity Petals.

When - on 16 June, viewing from 7pm, tickets £15 including entry, buffet and disco.

Venue - The Ramsey Moon Conference Centre, Granta Park, Abington CB21 6AL.

Tickets from Abington Stores or contact Victoria Beckett on 07932 862 228 or online at v.beckett0611@gmail.com

News from the Pews

Rosemary writes: A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Spring Messy Church, which was held in Great Abington Church. We enjoyed an afternoon of storytelling based on the theme 'Building on Strong Foundations'. We had fun making houses, miniature gardens and finding out about rain clouds. Some children particularly enjoyed building structures with marshmallows. The younger ones investigated a moon sandscape and had fun building houses out of large cardboard boxes. The afternoon concluded with a delicious picnic tea, all sitting under a marquee in the spring sunshine.

Date for your diary: Mossy Church will be taking place on Sunday 19 August in Abington Woods.

Space to Be – Wednesday 6 June at 7.30pm Meeting at Rosemary's house, 55 Church Lane. Ring Rosemary for more details.

Little Abington Garden Amble: Saturday 16 June 2pm. Programmes available from churchwardens or Rav at the Post Office. An opportunity to visit seven gardens, buy plants, cakes and raffle tickets. There will be a Treasure Hunt for the children, finishing with a walk across the river and playing field to enjoy a cream tea at Great Abington Church. **A special invitation is also enclosed in the programme.** We call on your generous support of donations for the various stalls of cakes, plants, raffle prizes and books that can be taken directly to the appropriate garden as named in the programme on or before the day. Thank you.

Date for your diary - Saturday 21 July. An evening of entertainment with music ranging from the 50's to the present time. Great Abington Church – look out for posters with further details.

Charity for the Month: Cambridge Street Pastors. Drawn from local Christian churches, Street Pastor volunteers patrol the streets in the centre of Cambridge from 10pm until 4am each Friday and Saturday night to help any in difficulty, without judgement or discrimination. They also run NightLite based in St Columba's Church Downing Street which provides a safe place for people to wait or recover or find a listening ear.

There are charity boxes in both village churches.

Anne Hall

Little Abington United Reformed Church

Preachers for June

3 June	10.15am	Mr John Luke
10 June	10.15am	Mrs Wendy Roe
17 June	2.30pm	Revd Bruce Waldron (Holy Communion)
24 June	10.15am	Mr Jim Taylor

As you see the freshness of a new spring, stop and ponder on the God of creation and the many other ways he shows his love for each of us.

For more information please contact Lynne on 893 295.

Little Abington Parish Council

On 23 April 2018 a short meeting of the Little Abington Parish Council (LAPC) was followed by the Annual Parish Meeting. Full minutes of both meetings are available on the noticeboard and the village website.

Parish Council meeting 23 April 2018

Planning

- **S/0910/18/FL** 35 West Field. 2-storey atrium-style front hall extension. *Unsupported. Objections from neighbours received; departure from style of other existing properties in road; possible violation of terms of the original covenant.*
- **S/0407/18/VC** Variation to planning permission (trees). *Phase II Granta Park. Unsupported. If trees are to be taken down, three to be planted in place of each removed; the same retrospectively for others removed earlier.*
- **S/1328/18/TC** Tree works in Conservation Area. 32 High Street. Removal of pine and sycamore. *Supported.*

Fourwentways update

Residents and members of LAPC met two representatives from the County Council on site on 20 April. Proposals include asking the police to enforce parking restrictions and redesigning the approach to the roundabout (reducing the road to one lane). Litter and the health and safety hazards at the site were noted by Environmental Health.

Parish Council election Members of LAPC were re-elected unopposed. There is one vacancy on the Parish Council.

Picnics on the Recreation Ground

With summer approaching, the Parish Council reminds residents that all litter should be put in the bins provided. Please be careful when lighting barbecues and DO NOT place them on the plastic tables. It is especially important for barbecue trays to be fully extinguished and preferably taken away when you leave. All users of the Recreation Ground are politely requested to be sure to clear up after their dogs.

Annual Parish Meeting

Eight members of the public attended the APM on 23 April. Public discussion topics included: parking and health and safety issues at Fourwentways; extension of the Parish Nurse project; housing development in the villages and school capacity; noise from Granta Park. Reports were received from the Chairman, Clerk, County and District Councillors and representatives of the Planning, Recreation Ground, Institute Management and Abington Housing committees.

Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Abington Institute, High Street

Next meeting: **Monday 25 June 2018 at 7.15pm**

Public participation: Come and have your say from 8pm

Peter Brunning (Chairman)

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Email: pc@brunning.org.uk

Genevieve Dalton (Clerk)

tel: 893 332

Email: clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk

www.theabingtons.org.uk/parish-councils/little-abington-parish-council/

Hildersham Focus

Ascension Day service

Holy Trinity Church, Hildersham hosted the Deanery Ascension Day Service, which was conducted by the Revd Iain McColl and was celebrated with a wonderfully full church. The Rural Dean, Simon Talbott, thanked the outgoing Youth Development Worker, Emma, and commissioned the new one, Rachael Went. Everyone felt uplifted by the coming together of all the churches and the warmth of spirituality throughout the service.

Hildersham Scootathon Sunday 17 June from 3.00pm

The very first, the inaugural event, you really do not want to miss it.

We have planned two races, both starting at Hildersham Village Hall. The Under 5's race will scoot from the Village Hall to Walnut Tree Green (opposite The Pear Tree Pub)

Older competitors will scoot from the Village Hall to the same green and then they will run around a marked route through the meadows and back to the Village Hall.

Entry for Under 5's will be £2.50 and for all other competitors £5.00.

Refreshments will be on sale for participants and spectators.

If you would like to join us for this exciting new event, please email apalmer@sjcs.co.uk to register your interest. Payment for entry will be on the big day.

Hildersham Lecture, Friday 29 June

The next Hildersham lecture will be given by Andrew Westwood-Bate. Andrew is a fount of knowledge on all things local and will be giving us a visual tour of Hildersham. Andrew has a wonderful archive of photographs for us to enjoy.

Entry, including refreshments, is £5 on the door.

Outspoken Theatre Company will be performing Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew* on Saturday 21 July.

The Old School Wood is a perfect setting for this event as it creates a beautiful natural backdrop within which this amateur theatre company entertain and enthrall us every year.

Please bring a pre-performance picnic at 5.45pm. The performance begins at 6.30pm.

Tickets may be purchased for £10 pre-performance or £12 on the gate.

Please email apalmer@sjcs.co.uk if you would like tickets.

Hildersham Parish Council A Quality Parish Council



Hildersham AGM Report from meeting held on 8 May 2018 Uncontested Parish Council elections

Four residents were nominated as councillors for Hildersham, so there is still one vacancy that needs to be filled. Please speak to a councillor or the Clerk if you are interested in learning more about what being a councillor involves.

Path repairs

The Clerk met with the Highways Officer who agreed to undertake some repairs to areas of the path along Beech Row towards the A1307 and to rebuild the path at the Back Road end of the High Street. The Clerk will meet with her again to discuss the road outside the Village Hall.

Community Land Trust

The Parish Council is investigating whether the option of a community land trust (CLT) would enable the building of a limited number of houses on the South Holding with the aim of retaining some to rent to local people and fund the building of a new Village Hall on this site.

Allotments

The council is awaiting a revised quote from a fencing contractor to get the allotment perimeter re-fenced soon. A pest control contractor has been laying bait boxes to deal with rodents on the allotments, in response to requests from allotment holders.

New pedestrian lights

After almost a year of waiting, power has been connected to the light column in Beech Row.

The next meeting of Hildersham Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 10 July 2018 from 7.30pm at Hildersham Village Hall, High Street, Hildersham. Everyone welcome.

Don't let hay fever spoil your summer



Did you know you don't need to see your GP for hay fever treatment?

Hay fever and seasonal allergy treatments such as tablets, eye drops and nasal sprays are all easily available at low cost from your local pharmacy – no prescription from your GP required!

Antihistamines are usually the best treatment for hay fever and these can easily be bought from local pharmacies or supermarkets. Buying a packet of 30 tablets can cost as little as £2, but if patients

go to their GP to get a prescription then it costs the NHS considerably more.

By going to the pharmacy you'll be saving yourself time and money, freeing up GP appointments for people with more urgent needs as well as doing your bit to help the NHS save money on unnecessary prescription costs.

For more information about treating allergies or to find your nearest pharmacy and opening times visit www.nhs.uk.

Top tips to help ease hay fever symptoms:

Keep house and car windows closed, especially when the pollen count is high (early morning between 7am to 9am and evenings from 5pm and 7pm)

Avoid large grassy areas, woodland, cutting the grass and car fumes

Wear wrap-around sunglasses

Use petroleum jelly inside your nose to block inhalation of pollen

Don't dry wash outside to avoid pollen sticking to your clothes

When you get in from outside wash your hands, face, hair, rinse your eyes and change your clothes.

Dates for your Diary

Date		Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Fri	1	Abington Bowls Club – Home game	6.30pm	18
Sat	2	Scrapbooking Group	10.00am	11
Mon	4	French conversation	1.00pm	
		Abington Bowls Club – Home game	6.30pm	18
		Yoga – course and drop in	7.00pm	11
Tue	5	Art Group	9.30am	
		Table Tennis	8.00pm	11
Wed	6	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
		Dynamic Dance Class	3.15pm	11
		Abington Bowls Club – Home game	6.30pm	18
Thu	7	Abington Gardening Club - outing to Chrishall	1.30pm	16
		Abington Walking Group	10.00am	17
Fri	8	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building	9.30am	11
		Low Impact Aerobics	9.30am	11
		Pilates	10.45am	11
Mon	11	French Conversation	1.00pm	
		Yoga – course and drop in	7.00pm	11
		Abingtons & Hildersham WI	7.30pm	18
Tue	12	Art Group	9.30am	
		FGMN Club	2.00pm	17
		Table Tennis	8.00pm	11
		Reading Group – 6 Chalky Road, Great Abington	8.00pm	16
Wed	13	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
		Dynamic Dance Class	3.15pm	11
Fri	15	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building	9.30am	11
		Low Impact Aerobics	9.30am	11
		Pilates	10.45am	11
Sat	16	Abington Amble Film Night – garden of 54 High Street, Little Abington	10.00am	6
Sun	17	Scotathlon from Hildersham Village Hall	3.00pm	8
Mon	18	French Conversation	1.00pm	
		Yoga – course and drop in	7.00pm	11
		Great Abington Parish Council	7.30pm	15
Tue	19	Art Group	9.30am	
		Abington Bowls Club – Home game	6.30pm	18
		Table Tennis	8.00pm	11
Wed	20	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
		Abington Gardening Club – outing to West Stowe	1.15pm	16
		Dynamic Dance Class	3.15pm	11
Fri	22	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building	9.30am	11
		Low Impact Aerobics	9.30am	11
		Pilates	10.45am	11
Sat	23	Family/baby Yoga	11.00am	11
		Midsummer Walk – from Little Abington Church	6.00pm	12
Mon	25	Rivercare & litter pick-up – meet at road bridge/ford	9.30am	
		Yoga – course and drop in	7.00pm	11
		Little Abington Parish Council meeting	7.15pm	7

Tue	26	Art Group Mobile Library FGMN Club Scrabble Club Table Tennis	9.30am am 2.00pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	12 17 16 11
Wed	27	Yoga – course and drop in Dynamic Dance Class	9.30am 3.15pm	11 11
Thu	28	Abington Lunch	12.45pm	15
Fri	29	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Low Impact Aerobics Pilates Hildersham Lecture –Hildersham Church	9.30am 9.30am 10.45am 7.30pm	11 11 11 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 June 2018

Thursday lunchtimes	11.30am – 1.30pm (7, 14 and 21) Lunch 28 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 June 2018 (Abingtons and Hildersham)

Mon 4	Mon 11	Mon 18	Mon 25
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 Mondays 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

Table Tennis – Tuesdays 8pm at Abington Institute

Contact Raj Sangha on 07803 786 905.

Family/baby yoga at the Institute – 11am on Saturday 26 May

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. Refreshments provided for children and adults. Contact Abington Pre-school on 01223 894 246

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 five weeks for Low Impact Aerobics and Pilates. Contact Disa Bennett on 07798 754 029 or www.zumbaandpilatescambridge.co.uk

ABINGTON MIDSUMMER WALK AND PICNIC

SATURDAY 23 JUNE 2018

Everyone is invited to join the Walking Group for an easy five mile stroll to the Roman Road with a break half way for a picnic.

By special arrangement we use some private land with permission of the farmers.

Meeting at Little Abington Church at 6pm and back by 9pm.

To cover insurance there is a charge of £1 per adult with children. Dogs on leads are welcome and free.

For more information contact Robin Harman on 891 730 or
George Woodley on 891 169

Mobile Library

The next date will be Tuesday 26 June 2018, 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	End of Beech Lane	12.45–1.00pm
	near phone box	

Adult Tennis Lessons with Ali McGee at Linton Village College

I am a fully qualified tennis coach with a Level 3 Club Coach Award, am first-aid trained and have a full DBS check. I have represented Cambridgeshire County in the Under 18s and Ladies events and reached a high of 17 in the UK out of 2000 in the under 18 age group. I teach all ages and abilities from age 5 to adults. Lessons are relaxed and will suit you whether you want to build up your fitness level, work on improving specific shots or just take up something new.

Lessons can also be shared with a friend. For more information please contact me on 07581 087 325.

Jeremiah's Café Special Summer Tea, Tuesday 3 July

The Easter Tea was so successful that we have decided to organise a superb summer tea which will include a selection of sandwiches, scones and yummy cakes together with a pot of tea.

What could be better AND at only £4 per person - pay at the door

2018 Abington Golf Competition, Friday 6 July 2pm

Open to all residents of Abington and Hildersham, this year's competition to find 'Abington's Best Golfer' will be held on The Gog Magog Old Course, courtesy of the club members who are village-based. First tee time is 2pm on Friday 6 July. Afterwards we will convene at The Three Tuns for a meal and prize giving.

The entry fee is £35. All proceeds are in Aid of Great Abington School PTFA. Numbers are limited so secure your place by paying a £10 non-refundable deposit.

Please contact me for an entry form or pick one up from The Three Tuns.

Alan Cooke email; alancooke_uk@yahoo.co.uk

Holme Court School Open Afternoon.

Saturday 23 June 2018 between 12 midday and 3pm.

Afternoon tea and cake plus activities. Find out more about our outstanding school and enjoy the fun.

Holme Court School, Abington Woods, Church Lane, Little Abington, Cambridge CB21 6BQ. Contact Karen on 01223 894 083 or email karen.burnet@orpheusmail.co.uk .

Sawston Fun Run - Abington family excels in every category

The Sawston Fun Run on the 13 May lived up to its hype as being one of the best community events of its type, bringing elite, social runners and families together to complete the 7.4K run or the shorter 4K route for walkers and the race for school years 1-6. An entry of 899 turned out for the thirty-third annual event, organised by the Rotary Club of Cambridge, Sawston that took place at Sawston Village College.

The overall winner was Miguel Branco of Stapleford in a fast time of 24.58 minutes and the winning lady was Sarah Wightman of Sawston in 28.19 minutes. The most successful family were the four members of the Courtois family from Great Abington who had father Vincent winning the 40–54 category, mother Detienne coming second in the ladies 40–54 and sons Martin winning school years 7–11 and Simon coming second in school years 1–6. Thor, the Flash, Wonder Woman, Darth Vader, and Big Bad Wolf were



present in fancy dress. Stalls included a bouncy castle, face painting, food stalls, a Fire Engine and the Sawston Youth Group Band. Many of the entrants commented on the wonderful atmosphere. One of them said ‘the appeal of the event is the special atmosphere created by the community support around the course; it’s so different from normal runs’. Based on the turnout, estimates suggest that the target of £15,000 will be reached, taking the cumulative amount donated exclusively to local charities and organisations to over £455,000.

NB: Abington 10K and Fun Run 7 October 2018

Great and Little Abington Helping Hands – Volunteer Drivers needed

We are a group of volunteer drivers providing transport for those in the villages who are in need of help to get to the health centre, hospital, dentist, optician etc. For us to continue to provide this valuable service we need more drivers.

Drivers are paid a mileage fee to cover the cost of fuel. If you have some spare time during the week and could consider joining our group please contact Helen Pimblett on 01223 891 746.

Musical Instrument ‘Taster Morning’ at Duxford School, Saturday 30 June

Would you or your child like to learn to play a musical instrument, but are unsure about which one to choose? Would you like the chance to ‘have a go’ on a few instruments to help you to make up your mind?

If so, the morning of Saturday 30 June is your chance to experiment and to gain some ‘hands-on’ experience, when Duxford Workshop’s tutors will be on hand to provide you with practical help and the chance to try a selection of woodwind, string and brass instruments. They will also be happy to answer your questions to help you to decide whether one of these could be the right instrument for you.

If you’re interested, please just come along to Duxford Primary School, St John’s Street, Duxford CB22 4RA between 11am and 12.15pm to look round and make your choice. There is no charge, you don’t need to book in advance and you don’t need to be a member of Workshop to attend.

For further information, please see: www.duxfordsaturdayworkshop.org.uk or please email our Director, Arwen Gilbert: director@duxfordsaturdayworkshop.org.uk.

Parish Council Annual Meeting

The newly elected Parish Council had its first meeting on 21 May. Tony Orgee was welcomed as a new member replacing Steve Johnson who had left after giving valuable service. Bernie Talbot was elected as Chairman to serve for the next twelve months. Following the local election when things changed at SCDC John Batchelor attended the meeting for the first time as one of our two representatives. Henry Batchelor, who has attended the meetings for the last year as a County Council member now also attends as a District Councillor as he is a member of both councils.

Housing

As the Moorefield development approaches completion, it is likely that work on the site south of Linton Road (beside the allotments) will begin during the summer. The site to the north of Linton Road is still at the outline permission stage and the proposal to increase the number of dwellings consented at Strawberry Farm from 8 to 15 is still to be decided on. It has just been announced that SCDC does now have a five-year housing land supply and, as a result, some planning decisions, that were agreed taking this factor into account, are likely to be revisited and could be reversed.

Coach Trip to Felixstowe

By popular request the outing this year will be to Felixstowe once again. The trip will be on Friday 3 August and tickets can be obtained from the Clerk.

Access to Granta Park

The Parish Councils held a joint meeting at the Institute on Friday 18 May to give an update on negotiations to restore access to Granta Park for village residents. The meeting was attended by around 70 people who heard that efforts to restore access were making very little progress. It was agreed that various avenues would be pursued and work continues to find a resolution.

Local Plan

The lengthy process of developing and examining the SCDC Local Plan is now close to completion and it is hoped that the plan will be finalised in the next few months.

Neighbourhood Plan

It has been decided for technical reasons that the Neighbourhood Plan should not be completed until after the Local Plan is finalised. To complete before the Local Plan is 'made' could result in the NP's policies being undermined. The next step in the process is a referendum but the date of this is yet to be set by SCDC.

Planning

Parish Council Recommendations

S/0407/18/VC – Granta park, Phase 2 - vary condition concerning trees. Parish Council recommended approval.

S/1106/18/FL – Land at Strawberry Farm – 15 dwellings and infrastructure. Parish Council recommended refusal.

S/1477/18/FL – 1 New House Farm Cottages – side and rear extension. Parish Council decided not to make a recommendation.

S/1586/18/FL – 7 Magna Close – side extension. Parish Council recommended approval.

S/1628/18/FL – 14 Lewis Crescent – front car port and side extension. Parish Council recommended approval.

S/1550/18/FL – 5 Chalky Road – installation of oil tank. Parish Council recommended approval.

S/1451/18/FL – 53 Mortlock Gardens – rear extension. Parish Council recommended approval.

District Council Decisions

S/0177/18/LD – Wild Country Organics, 11 Chalky Road - lawful development of land for the siting of five existing mobile homes - Parish Council recommended refusal and District Council refused.

S/0384/18/FL – Wild Country Organics, 11 Chalky Road - change of use of land to site two mobile homes to supervise business at 52 North road - Parish Council recommended approval and District Council approved.

S/0494/18/FL – 7 Magna Close - side extension (different application to above) - Parish Council recommended approval and District Council refused.

S/0537/18/FL – 93 High Street - internal remodelling and extension - Parish Council recommended approval and District Council approved.

Great Abington Parish Council Meetings

Held in Abington Village Institute

Bernie Talbot (Chairman) tel: 892 647

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

Next Parish Council meetings: Monday 18 June 2018, 7.30pm.

Extra meeting Monday 16 July at 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 are posted on the Parish Council notice board located at the entrance to Magna Close or available from the parish clerk.

Paula Harper (Clerk): harper802@btinternet.com (892 000)

Linton Village College

Opening LVC for community use is one of the special hallmarks of our heritage. Henry Morris, the Chief Education Officer in Cambridgeshire who founded the Village College movement after the first world war, had a vision for schools being at the heart of their local communities and for 'raising the school leaving age to 90'.

It was a great privilege to host Linton's seventh Book Festival at the College. It is always such an inspiring event and special celebration of reading. The buzz of children listening and meeting with authors and engaging with the array of activities is great to witness, as is the multi-generational attendance at the Festival.

We are keen for the College to continue to play an important role in the life of the local community beyond formal schooling. It is great to see the school's buildings, grounds and facilities continue to benefit local residents as well as our students. Having Linton Granta Playgroup on site and other community users such as the Linton's Air Training Corps adds another dimension to our learning community.

Our adult education programme and sports centre facilities are two integral parts of our wider provision. New websites publicise our classes and facilities.

www.lintoncommunitysportscentre.co.uk and www.lintonvillagecollegeadultlearning.co.uk



Abington Lunch

Thursday 28 June 2018



Fruit Juice

**Baked Salmon with Watercress Sauce
New Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables**

Strawberry Eton Mess

Tea or Coffee

Please book your meal on 07789 585 399. Leave your name and telephone number with your message before noon on Tuesday 26 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 26 July 2018

Reading Group

12 June	<i>The Remains of the Day</i> Kazuo Ishiguro	Valerie Hefford
10 July	<i>The Betrayal</i> Helen Dunmore	Liz Obstfeld
14 August	<i>At the Edge of the Orchard</i> Tracy Chevalier	Jennifer Hirsh

Please confirm your attendance in June to Valerie.

Lisa Pechey

Scrabble Club

The next meeting of the Scrabble Club is on Tuesday 26 June at 7pm in the Institute. New members very welcome.

Sheena Fraser

Abington Gardening Club

There are two visits in June, the first on Thursday 7 June to Two Cottages, Church Road, Chrishall, leaving the Institute at 1.30pm. The second visit is on Wednesday 20 June to Fullers Mill Garden, West Stow near Bury St. Edmunds, leaving the Institute at 1.15pm. Please contact me to arrange transport if you would like to come.

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

Community Oil Order

Thank you Rod Wilcox for ordering 64,000 litres of domestic heating oil which was delivered in early May.(Ed.)

Abington Walking Group

Our May walks started with a lovely stroll along the river at Fen Ditton.

The Saturday walk was on a beautiful spring day from Little Walden to Saffron Walden.

June walks are on Thursday 7th and Saturday 23rd which is the midsummer picnic (see page12)

The countryside is looking just wonderful now – do join us.

An advance notice is that our Thursday 5 July walk will include an optional pub lunch.

For further information, please contact:

Robin Harman on 891 730 robandkayharman@gmail.com or

George Woodley on 891 169 georgewoodley@talktalk.net



Forget-Me-Not Club

Thankfully the AGM was generally well attended, the formalities were soon attended to and a Royal Quiz followed with members showing their considerable knowledge on the Royal Family.

After the meeting the new committee met to nominate positions as follows:- Anne Hall (Chair), Sue Toates (Vice Chair), Carole Thexton (Treasurer), Mary Miles (Secretary), Joan Niven (Members Registration), Margaret Farrington (Shopper), Pat Wallman (Collections of Club monies), Judy Hamper and Jenny Miln (Committee Members) There are of course numerous other duties - too many to mention - shared by all.

Viki chose to stand down from the committee and we thank her for her sterling work as treasurer over the last few years. She will, for sure, still be an active member of the club. She was presented with a voucher for Tea @Harrietts in appreciation for her work.

Sadly the decision was made to discontinue the monthly trip to Morrison's as the numbers continued to be too low to make it viable. Those concerned have been notified.

This month we welcome Amanda Sutherland as our first speaker. Amanda's talk is *My Creative Journey*. She will be bringing some of her creations along which we will be able to purchase and so we remind you to bring your purses with you to this meeting.

Dates for June

Tuesday 12 June 2pm – The Parish Nurse will be in attendance in the Meeting Room. Talk by Amanda Sutherland *My Creative Journey*

Tuesday 19 June 10am – Committee Meeting at Anne's house.

Tuesday 26 June 2pm – Musical Quiz by Marion followed by strawberries, scones and cream tea.

Anne Hall (892 275) or anneandglynhall@gmail.com

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.

Abington & Hildersham Women's Institute

Our WI hosted the Annual Link Group Meeting in May, when Balsham and Linton WIs were invited to join us for entertainment, a cryptic quiz and, of course, lovely food provided by our members. Our special guest was singer/song writer, Jancis Harvey, who led us into a rousing rendition of *Jerusalem*. Her songs and stories took us from her childhood days in Linton to the coastal towns of Suffolk, the high life of Paris and the sounds of the Caribbean. We listened to her melancholic ballads and joined in with nostalgic choruses: who needs to fly all the way to Barbados on a beautiful sunny evening in Abington?



Photo by Annette Shortell

Many thanks to all members and villagers who supported our Saturday Cake and Plant Stall.

Next meeting: Monday 11 June at 7.30pm: Making a Stand for Chelsea by Tim Wregitt. New members and visitors always welcome.

Marilyn Broadhurst (893 214)




Abington Bowls Club Open Days, 5 and 6 May 2018

Our original Open Day was cancelled because of rain. However, this was a blessing in disguise as the following Bank Holiday weekend presented glorious sunshine and encouraged many new bowlers to try their hand at lawn bowls. A special mention of young boys Jakob and Kian Wallcott who demonstrated exceptional focus and ability to learn a new skill; they practised on their own for over an hour after instruction. All ABC members attended the event and instructed visitors in turn. We look forward to forthcoming League games with vigour. Gratitude to Roy Mallows and Graham Ross for their hard work preparing the lawn. NB: Home games will be at 6.30pm on 1, 4, 6 and 19 June.



As a matter of local Abington history, we must report that, only two weeks before our 2018 season was due to start, the laborious lawn preparation was halted by the accidental discovery of a well in the centre of rink 3. The heavy roller collapsed the soil suspended over the well revealing the handmade brick circular wall of 1m diameter. There is no record of a well on historic maps but rumours abound of a secret passage way to pub cellar! See cover photo.

Church Services for June 2018

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Gt. Abington</i> 	<i>Lt. Abington</i> 	<i>Hildersham</i> 	<i>Readings</i>
3 June	10.45am Communion		6.00pm Evensong	1 Samuel 3.1-10 Mark 2.23-3.6
10 June		6.00pm Evensong	9.15am Communion	1 Samuel 8.4-11 Mark 3.20-end
17 June	10.45am Communion		4.00pm Café Church	1 Samuel 15.34- 16.13 Mark 4.26-34
24 June		10.45am Communion	9.15am Communion – Prayer Book	Isaiah 40.1-11 Luke 1.57-66,80

Church Flower Rota

	<i>Great Abington</i>	<i>Little Abington</i>	<i>Hildersham</i>
3 June	Helen Pimblett	Kate Franklin	Gwen Cutter
10 June	Anne Hall & Patsy Randall	Kate Franklin	Gwen Cutter
17 June	<i>Ramble Weekend</i>	Charlotte Adams	Amanda Palmer
24 June	Gillian Treanor	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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