



# The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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Decorated cakes entered for the Jubilee baking competition

*Photo by Tasha Whittaker*

## Letter from the Editor

The Big Weekend programme of Abington celebrations to celebrate HM The Queen's historic Platinum Jubilee left us all with great memories. Some of these are reflected in the four-page colour supplement included as a pull-out section of the July News. Congratulations and warm thanks are owed to the inspiration and hard work of the organisers Tasha Whittaker, Emma Ellis Jackson, Charlotte Adams, Richard Smith, Gill Smith, Isobel Smith, Sheila Bolden, Tony Orgee and Viia Valge-Archer. Many willing volunteers brought the plans to fruition: beacon-lighting and fireworks, hog roast by LJB Charred Hogs, cakemaking competition, Platinum Big Breakfast, rounders, BBQ and disco at the Three Tuns, with non-stop activities on the Recreation Ground from noon to 7pm on Sunday 5 June led by MC, Jimmy Lawrence, who also set up the commemorative village photo taken by drone (see page 17). Wow!

The diary shows continuation of many club activities before they begin to close for the summer holidays. It is good to see that morning sessions in the café will continue in July, August and September and may help newcomers to make friends. The Bowls Club is doing well and the Cricket Club is offering youth coaching sessions. The singing groups provided welcome entertainment on Sunday 5 June. The History Group recently published a new booklet about the Abingtons. Copies are on sale in the shop. (Pages 7,10-13)

Ukrainians are now settling down here and are keen to integrate with local activities (see pages 5, 6, 8, 9).

The Linton Greenway consultation meeting in May with the Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership led to the GCP reviewing its proposals in a major way (see page14).

Farewell to Jeanine Kennedy who led the Love Abington services and support to the community during the pandemic and to whom we now offer best wishes in her new career at St Andrews church, Cherry Hinton. Also, heartfelt thanks and good wishes to Kathy Bishop, retiring after many years working with the Granta Vale Ministry team (pages 5, 4,16).

We are no longer obliged to wear face masks in GP surgeries (page 6) and elsewhere and can enjoy socialising again. Cases of Covid are still rising and it is wise to take care and protect ourselves, especially in crowded environments. The dire straits in which many people find themselves, as the costs of living rise, make Foodbanks, and support for them, increasingly important. Our churches provide collection points (page 5).

Valerie Silvey

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## From the Seven Churches

Looking back at our Jubilee long weekend - those four days of mixed rain and sunshine at the beginning of June - we came together to celebrate as many of the seventy years of our Queen's reign as we are old enough to recall. Some of us may even remember the Coronation itself. Either way, we all have a recollection of how the Queen has come to serve us with her quiet and reserved smile. Her warmth and generous spirit perhaps most evident when, through her many addresses to the nation, we have shared in her bright vision for tomorrow. The days to come may not be easy, but her message is so often one of 'unity of spirit' and a heartfelt desire to help others.

When we listen back to some of the messages the Queen has had for us at Christmas and at other times in the year, we come to realise it is her faith in God we see shining through her character. She smiles with her eyes in an infectious way. A smile that has caught the loving attention of millions of people in her time. And just when you might think it's not British to speak publicly of one's faith, the Queen has not hidden her light under a bushel. In a recent broadcast we recall her saying: *"Many thousands of people now follow Christ's teaching and find him a guiding light in their lives. I am one of them because Christ's example helps me see the value of doing small things with great love."* What an extraordinary confession of faith for all to see and share.

Sometimes we need people in our lives to help kindle within us what the Bible calls the 'life-giving spirit'. Whatever your religion, or none, we are all driven by the Spirit of God's love. We are all coming out of a pandemic, where we have done our best to avoid harmful and infectious viruses. Perhaps, however, the time is now here when we may be open to catching the joy and Peace of the life-giving spirit, and to see that Spirit alive in others around us.

Steven Wheeler, July 2022

### Granta Vale Ministry Team

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**The Balsham Feast is back! And you are invited...** The Feast is a biennial event bringing our wider communities and villages together with plenty of fun activities for all ages. After a gap in 2020, the Feast returns on 2 July 2022 on the village recreation ground, with donkey rides, crazy golf, inflatables, classic cars, raptors, teddy bear drops and many more activities. Refreshments will be available throughout the day. A café will be serving cakes, tea, coffee and soft drinks and pizzas during the day. Balsham scouts will provide a daytime and evening BBQ and the Black Bull will run the bar.

Music will include the Haverhill Silver Band, The Balsham Singers, the Cambridge University Ceilidh Band and Life and Soul are back to provide the evening entertainment. Get your dancing shoes on! All major activities are free of charge. 12.30 -11PM Facebook - @balshamfeast



## News from the Pews

It was indeed an enormous pleasure to see Great Abington church so involved in the Jubilee celebrations. Our excellent toilet facilities were in constant use over the four days, as well as the overall use of electricity and the kitchen for preparation of cake and endless pots of tea. We thank the Jubilee committee for their care and consideration of the church throughout this time and congratulate them on their Jubilee celebration success.

At the end of May Great Abington church had its Quinquennial Inspection. The PCC are somewhat relieved with the outcome as no major work is required at the moment. However, it was suggested that we change the heating system from gas to electricity. Once our faculty is accepted Great Abington church will be removing several pews and that will enable us to use the church for many different events (all possible with our amazing facilities) and indeed we will.

On Sunday 12 June Jeanine preached for the last time in the Abingtons before she moves on to St Andrews church in Cherry Hinton. She will be hugely missed here in the Abingtons where she brought so much love and care into the community. We wish her well as she continues to spread God's love into a new area and chapter in her life.

The PCC wishes to thank our Village Postmaster – Mak Makwana, who so willingly sells programmes/tickets for any events held in the Abingtons for our churches. It's such an enormous help – thank you Mak.

**We are sure members of our community are aware of the urgent need to keep our Food baskets filled; please do continue to support. Baskets are in both Great and Little Abington Churches.**

## Funeral

It was with great sadness that the community learned that Sally Turnidge had died. Sally was a friendly, caring member of the community involved in many different activities in the village. Along with her husband Derek they would often be seen walking, with binoculars at the ready, enjoying their birdwatching hobby. The family has been overwhelmed with the cards, messages and support they have received and appreciate how fortunate their parents have been to live in such a great village. Sally was initially a nurse and then a Health Visitor. It was as a student nurse at Old Addenbrookes in the 1950's where she met Derek, who was a student in Cambridge at the time. They married in 1959. After many moves around the country at the behest of his employers, Derek and Sally moved to Abington in 1988, by which time their children Janet, Rachel and Martin had grown up and left home. Sally will be sorely missed by us all, for sure.

The funeral took place on Friday 24 June in Little Abington Church.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Derek, children Janet, Rachel and Martin and the extended family.

Anne Hall

## DUXFORD SATURDAY WORKSHOP

### Free Musical Instrument Taster Morning at Duxford School, Saturday 2 July

Would you or your child like to play a musical instrument, but you aren't sure which one? Would you like to try out one or more instruments before making up your mind?

Instruments included in the Taster Morning are: *Violin, Viola, Cello, Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Cornet, Trombone, Guitar and Ukulele.*

**When? Saturday morning 2 July, 2022 from 11.00-12.15pm**

**Where? Duxford Primary School, St John's Street, Duxford CB22 4RA.**

**For further info, see:** [www.duxfordsaturdayworkshop.org.uk](http://www.duxfordsaturdayworkshop.org.uk)

**or email:** [director@duxfordsaturdayworkshop.org.uk](mailto:director@duxfordsaturdayworkshop.org.uk)

## Granta Update July 2022

### Ukrainian Refugees

Ukrainian refugees can access healthcare in the same way as UK residents. If you are hosting a family, please encourage them to register with us as soon as possible to ensure they have access to different services they may need. Further information can be found at:

Cambridgeshire - Granta Sawston, Linton and Shelford:

<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/i-am-a-guest-from-ukraine#A7>

Hertfordshire - Granta Barley and Market Hill:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/news/ukraine-support/ukraine-support-in-hertfordshire.aspx>

### Face Masks

NHS England has updated the guidance around the wearing of face masks in GP surgeries. You no longer have to wear a mask when coming into our buildings, unless you have respiratory symptoms such as coughing or wheezing. Of course, if you prefer, you can continue to wear a mask.

Doctors and nurses are advised to wear face masks when they are seeing patients with respiratory symptoms, and some clinicians may prefer to wear a mask when seeing any patient.

### Long Term Conditions (LTC)

You may have received a text recently regarding your LTC Review. LTC stands for long term condition, which describes illnesses such as asthma, COPD, hypertension, kidney disease and diabetes. Since April we have been aiming to review patients around their month of birth. There will be a transition phase as we work towards this. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

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### Kidney Cancer UK(Ab.)

A good time was had by all who represented Kidney Cancer UK at the Jubilee Big Picnic Day on Sunday 5 June. It was a pleasure for us to say 'hello' to so many picnickers, and we would like to thank all those who donated to the charity. The two raffle winners were Emma Morris, who won a voucher for Linton Zoo, and Graeme Menzies who won the Hamper kindly supplied by Morrisons supermarket.



Kidney Cancer UK is hosting a Family Funday on **Saturday 30 July**. Pop up to Abington Park Farm between midday and 5pm for a Terrific Treasure Hunt, Groom the Goats, some Tasty Treats and lots, lots more.

Why not look us up? [www.kcuk.org.uk](http://www.kcuk.org.uk) or telephone 01223 870 008

We can be found at The Old Granary, Abington Park Farm, Great Abington. We will look forward to meeting you!

## Abington Cricket Club

Join our qualified coaches at Abington Cricket Club for our fun, interactive youth cricket coaching sessions.

- Improve your batting, bowling and fielding skills
- All abilities welcome
- Boys and girls, aged 8-12
- Free to attend

Monday evenings, 5.30-6.30pm

20, 27 June

4, 11 and 18 July

More dates over the summer to be announced

For more information and to book please contact Emma Lane at [emmatlane@gmail.com](mailto:emmatlane@gmail.com) / 07803 543 992



## Ukrainian Guests in Abington

Three households are hosting guests and three households are awaiting guests

The two university students are settling into England and have jobs at the Three Tuns and are attending English Language courses in Cambridge.

Additionally, a university graduate has now arrived in Abington.

These three guests have been interacting with guests in Shelford and Stapleford via the support group there, OASISS.

The children of the family of five are involved in pre-school and secondary school activities and two of the adults also have work.

There are also Ukrainian guests in Sawston and it is hoped that they can be introduced to guests in Abington and Shelford as Sawston does not have dedicated support groups for them.

Anton King

## Summer Coach Outing to Beth Chatto's Plants and Gardens, Suffolk, on Wednesday 27 July

This outing is open to all Abington residents (not suitable for children) leaving Abington Institute at 10.30am and returning at 5pm. The cost for non-WI members is £22, which includes coach travel and entry to the gardens. Bring a packed lunch or buy light refreshments in Chatto's tearooms, then tour the gardens at leisure and enjoy a cup of tea before leaving for home.

Please contact Marilyn Broadhurst tel. 893214 or email [broadhurstmarilyn@gmail.com](mailto:broadhurstmarilyn@gmail.com) or Gill Smith tel. 892759 or email [randg.smith@btinternet.com](mailto:randg.smith@btinternet.com) if you are interested in coming on this outing.

## The Abingtons and Hildersham News on the website

To see the News before a printed copy is available and to see the photographs in colour, go to [www.theabingtons.org.uk/news](http://www.theabingtons.org.uk/news) and follow the link to the pdf for the month you want.

# **County and District Council**

## **District and County Councillors' Report June 2022**

### **A1307 Upgrades**

The next upgrade to be implemented on the A1307 is the safer crossing point at the Hildersham junction. This involves putting in a crossing that all non-motorised users (pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders) can use. Work on this has already begun and will be fully completed in the summer.

There is also some local debate on the route of the Linton Greenway – a non-motorised user route that begins in Cambridge and runs through to Linton. There is concern over the routing of the Greenway through Abington, especially whether taking the Greenway through the village centre is the right way. There are also proposals to close, or partially close, some of the roads in and out of the village to motorised vehicles. The final decision on these is still pending, but if anyone has strong views one way or the other, please do write into the GCP, who will be making the decision – [contactus@greatercambridge.org.uk](mailto:contactus@greatercambridge.org.uk) (see page 14).

### **Planning Department Reshuffle**

The South Cambs. planning department has had a slight reshuffle due to staffing issues in the service – the officers that currently manage our area remain the same.

### **Full Council AGMs**

Both the County and District councils recently had their AGMs where, amongst other things, positions are confirmed for the forthcoming municipal year. At the District Council, John is retaining his role in the Cabinet with responsibility for housing and Henry has become chair of the planning committee. At the County Council, Henry is retaining his role as chair of their planning committee.

### **County Council Reshuffle**

The CEO of the County Council has launched a period of internal consultation on his proposals for reorganising the council's senior staffing structure.

### **Food Delivery Vehicles**

The County Council, in conjunction with Starship Technologies, has launched a pilot food delivery service using robots in Cambourne. The 12,000 residents will benefit from having food delivered to them from the local Co-op via a motorised robot. This is a trial and, if successful, will be run out in other towns/villages in the county.

### **20mph Zones**

The work on the County Council to introduce a new application process for bringing 20mph zones to our villages is under way. It is expected to be completed in the next few months.

### **Household Support Grant**

The County Council has been offering this grant since November and it was supposed to end in March. The Government has now extended the scheme and provided Cambridgeshire with the funding. It is aimed at assisting those families who might struggle financially. The offering also includes food vouchers for schools. Full information is found at - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/household-support-fund>

### **Ukrainian Guests Update**

At the time of writing more than 500 visas have been issued to guests coming to South Cambs. This is more than any other District Council in the country. Over half have already arrived and are settling in. The District Council is responsible for carrying out inspections, checks and providing support. Currently 50 staff are working on this project full-time.

If you need support or information this is the contact point: [duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk) Also see page 7.

### **Contact Information**

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# Little Abington Parish Council

## Platinum Jubilee

A big thank you to the Jubilee Working Group including Richard, Isobel, Sheila and Viia from Little Abington and Tony from Great Abington, together with residents Gill, Tasha, Emma and Charlotte, who organised all the festivities over the four days. Both parish councils set aside a budget for the event, which we believe was definitely well spent. After the lockdowns it was delightful to see so many people socialising again, as well as so many village groups promoting themselves with a stall.

## Transport plan consultation

The public consultation for the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP) for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is open until 4 August. The plan updates the current one set in January 2020 and will set the strategy for making transport better in the region. Go to [yourltcp.co.uk](http://yourltcp.co.uk) and click on 'Have your say'.

## Parish councillor vacancy

We would like to welcome any resident from either Little or Great Abington to come forward for the role of councillor. Please contact the chair Sheila Bolden (details below) for an understanding of the role – it's not as onerous as you may think. Training courses are available and meetings are held bi-monthly on Monday evenings plus occasional planning meetings.

## Abington community e-bikes

Following the successful trial in 2020/21 there are now two e-bikes available in the village for hire. You need to download the bizbike mobile app which allows you to unlock the locker and pay for your ride. The rates are just 50p an hour for Abington residents thanks to a subsidy from South Cambridgeshire's Zero Carbon Communities Fund. So really good value for a day out in the sunshine or a ride to work or to see friends.

## Meeting on 23 May

### Planning

21/03822/FUL, Site 1 Granta Park: Erection of R&D building and associated decked car park, landscaping and infrastructure. Since approved by SCDC planning committee.

### Planning decisions and updates

To be considered at our next planning meeting:

22/02214/HFUL, 10 High Street: Single storey porch extension. Change French doors and Juliet balcony to a window. Single storey rear extension. Change roof tiles to slate.

22/02146/HFUL, Abington Pottery 26 High Street: Replacement of existing studio (outbuilding) with single storey studio.

## Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Held in Abington Institute

**Next Meeting: Monday 25 July 2022, Parish Council at 7.15pm**

Sheila Bolden (Chairman)

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Jessica Ashbridge (Clerk)

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## Next meetings

Monday 25 July

Monday 26 September

If you would like to participate in a meeting, please contact the clerk. Details to be confirmed regarding start times are on the new website and the parish council noticeboard. The meeting agendas and papers are published on the Abingtons website: [www.littleabingtonparishcouncil.org.uk/](http://www.littleabingtonparishcouncil.org.uk/)



## Diary for July 2022

Date		Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Fri	1	<b>Low impact Aerobics</b> <b>Pilates</b>	9.30am	11
			10.30am	11
Mon	4	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group – Pre-school building</b>	9.30am	11
Tue	5	<b>Art Group</b>	10.00am	19
Wed	6	<b>Yoga – course and drop in</b> <b>Line Dancing</b>	9.30am	11
			1.00pm	11
Thu	7	<b>Abington Walking Group</b> <b>Granta Vale Harmony</b>	9.50am	12
			7.30pm	12
Fri	8	<b>Low impact Aerobics</b> <b>Pilates</b>	9.30am	11
			10.30am	11
Mon	11	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group – Pre-school building</b> <b>Physio Pilates</b>	9.30am	11
			2.20pm	11
Tue	12	<b>Art Group</b> <b>Tuesday Club</b> <b>Reading Group – see page 12 for venue</b> <b>Hildersham Parish Council – Village Hall</b>	10.00am	19
			2.00pm	13
			7.30pm	12
			7.30pm	16
Wed	13	<b>Yoga – course and drop in</b> <b>Line Dancing</b>	9.30am	11
			1.00pm	11
Thu	14	<b>Granta Vale Harmony</b>	7.30pm	12
Fri	15	<b>Low impact Aerobics</b> <b>Pilates</b>	9.30am	11
			10.30am	11
Mon	18	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group – Pre-school building</b> <b>Social Cycling - meet at 1 Bourn Bridge Road</b> <b>Physio Pilates</b> <b>Great Abington Parish Council</b>	9.30am	11
			11.00am	12
			2.20pm	11
			7.15pm	16
Tue	19	<b>Art Group</b>	10.00am	19
Wed	20	<b>Yoga – course and drop in</b> <b>Line Dancing</b>	9.30am	11
			1.00pm	11
Thu	21	<b>Craft Group</b> <b>Granta Vale Harmony</b>	1.30pm	13
			7.30pm	12
Sat	23	<b>Abington Walking Group</b>	10.00am	12
Sun	24	<b>Hildersham Tea Party- Hildersham churchyard</b>	3.00pm	16
Mon	25	<b>Rivercare and litter pickup - meet at bridge/ford</b> <b>Physio Pilates</b> <b>Little Abington Parish Council</b>	9.30am	11
			2.20pm	11
			7.15pm	9
Tue	26	<b>Art Group</b> <b>Tuesday Club</b> <b>Scrabble Club</b>	10.00am	19
			2.00pm	13
			7.00pm	12
Wed	27	<b>Yoga – course and drop in</b> <b>Line Dancing</b>	9.30am	11
			1.00pm	11
Thu	28	<b>Abington Lunch</b> <b>Granta Vale Harmony</b>	1.00pm	11
			7.30pm	12

For details of contacts please see inside back cover or articles where indicated.

**Institute bookings:** contact preferably by email: [institute@theabingtons.org.uk](mailto:institute@theabingtons.org.uk) or phone 07591 064 310.

### **Jeremiah's Café in Abington Village Institute**

#### **Opening times in July 2022**

Thursday lunchtime	11.30am – 1.30pm (7, 14, 21) Lunch 28 <sup>th</sup>
Friday	8.45am – 11.00am (1, 8, 15, 22)
Saturday mornings	10.00am – 12 noon (2, 9, 16, 23)

**Contacts for Café** – [helenstchowe@btinternet.com](mailto:helenstchowe@btinternet.com) and [helen.rogers.uk@gmail.com](mailto:helen.rogers.uk@gmail.com)

**The Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning sessions at the café will continue throughout July, August and September.**

#### **Please reclaim your Jubilee competition cake boxes**

Thank you to all entrants to the Jubilee cake baking competition who produced a truly memorable selection of cakes and gave the judges a very difficult task. The cakes were greatly enjoyed when served on the Rec at the Big Picnic.

Quite a number of unclaimed cake boxes and plates remain at the Institute.

If this includes yours, please remember to collect it from the Institute during café hours.

Any not reclaimed by the end of July will be removed to 1 Bourn Bridge Road.

Gill Smith

#### **Wheelie bin dates for July 2022 (Abingtons and Hildersham)**

<b>Mon 4</b> <b>Black</b>	<b>Mon 11</b> <b>Green/Blue</b>	<b>Mon 18</b> <b>Black</b>	<b>Mon 25</b> <b>Green/Blue</b>
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#### **Yoga – Wednesdays 9.30am at Abington Institute**

Contact Joan 890 629 or email [joangraham72@gmail.com](mailto:joangraham72@gmail.com) if you would like to drop in and try a class.

#### **Low Impact Aerobics and Pilates – Fridays 9.30am and 10.30am**

Aerobics, toning and stretching, exercises to raise your heart rate and tone your body, fun and friendly. Pilates will help to alleviate back pain, improve core strength, 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](http://www.zumbaandpilatescambridge.co.uk)

#### **Physio-led Face to Face Pilates on Mondays at Abington Institute**

Mondays 2.20 to 3.20pm for Beginners/Intermediate. Max 6 participants. Classes £12 per session. Book 3 sessions (£36 non-refundable).

Contact Christina Heinz on [cambridgepilates@outlook.com](mailto:cambridgepilates@outlook.com)

#### **Line Dancing - Wednesdays 1pm to 2.30pm, term time**

Qualified line dance instructor, Lisa Mason, now runs drop-in classes suitable for all ages and levels, at Abington Institute. Welcomes beginners to intermediate level. Bring a drink and suitable shoes. Contact email [lisa.lmsd@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.lmsd@gmail.com) or phone 07958 788 292.

#### **Abington Pre-School Baby and Toddler Group**

This Group is open every Monday morning (term time only) from 9.30–11.30am, in the Abington Annexe building at the bottom of the primary school playground. No need to book in advance. Contact 01223 894 246 (Abington Annexe Office) or email [abingtonannexeooffice@gmail.com](mailto:abingtonannexeooffice@gmail.com)

### Abington Gardening Club

The final garden visit is on Wednesday 20 July when we will visit Quercus, Bradley Road, Burrough Green, CB8 9NH, leaving the Institute at 1.30pm. Please call me if you need more information or require a lift.

Kay Harman, Secretary

Tel 891 730 email: [robandkayharman@gmail.com](mailto:robandkayharman@gmail.com)

### Social Cycling

Four of us had an excellent ride of 14 miles with a very welcome stop at the Free Church in Shelford for a drink and cake. The next ride will be on Monday 18 July starting at 11.00am from 1 Bourn Bridge Road, and we are going to include a pub lunch. Come and join us. Gaynor Farrant 07817 517 871 or [gaynorfarrant198@btinternet.com](mailto:gaynorfarrant198@btinternet.com)

### Abington Walking Group

Our last walks were to Camps End and Kirtling/Great Bradley.

Your July strolls are on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The walks start from the Institute at 10am by shared transport to the walk venue.

We do really need more walkers to join us – we are not an exclusive group !

The countryside is looking magnificent just now.

For further information please contact:

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George Woodley on 891169 or [ge29gew@gmail.com](mailto:ge29gew@gmail.com)



### Reading Group

12 July	<i>If Nobody Speaks of Remarkable Things</i> Jon McGregor	Mary Conochie
9 August	<i>Sweet, Sweet Revenge Ltd</i> Jonas Jonasson	Bev Dennis
13 September	<i>A Town Called Solace</i> Mary Lawson	Sylvia Gilmour

We will meet at 7.30pm at Mary's to discuss *If Nobody Speaks of Remarkable Things*. Please confirm attendance to Mary and copy me in. We would welcome new members. If interested, please email me: [vhefford@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:vhefford@yahoo.co.uk).

Valerie Hefford

### Scrabble Club

The next meeting of the Scrabble Club will be on Tuesday 26 July at 7pm in the Institute. We will use the meeting room and can overflow into the café area and maintain a safe distance. New members very welcome to this friendly group.

Sheena Fraser

### **The Tuesday Club (formerly the Forget-Me-Not Club).**

Activities planned for the July meetings are as follows:

Tuesday, 12 July at 2pm.

Marion Macintyre will test our musical knowledge with a quiz.

Tuesday, 26 July at 2pm.

We will be visited by Anne Guyner from The National Trust. Anne will be joining us to give a talk about Oxburgh Hall.

Please contact me for any further information.

Jenny Milns (890 252).

### **Abington Craft Group**

The next meeting will be on Thursday 21 July, 1.30-4.30pm at Abington Institute. All welcome. Light refreshments provided. Small fee of £2 per session to cover costs.

Email- [Glynis.brookman@btinternet.com](mailto:Glynis.brookman@btinternet.com) or telephone 07970 614 194.

### **Granta Vale Harmony**

Granta Vale Harmony is a mixed *a capella* singing group. We meet on Thursday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30pm at the Abington Institute, and anyone is welcome to join in. Contact Peter Lester – Telephone 07884 932 215 or email [haverhi11@talktalk.net](mailto:haverhi11@talktalk.net)

### **Abington & Hildersham Women's Institute**

In June we joined Balsham and Linton WI members in St. Mary's church, Linton for our annual group meeting – the first for three years due to the Covid pandemic. We were entertained by Bryan Thurlow, who gave a humorous and often poignant portrayal of the life and times of Horace Potter, a Suffolk gardener born in 1900. With his Suffolk accent, garden implements and plants, Bryan brought Horace to life and filled us with nostalgia for a lifestyle many of us remembered. Next year it will be Abington's turn to host the annual event – time to start planning!

**Wednesday 27 July Summer Coach Outing to Beth Chatto's Garden**, leaving Abington Institute at 10.30am and returning at 5pm. There are still places on the coach if you'd like to come – bring a friend, too! Please contact me or Gill Smith to book as soon as possible.

**Next Meeting: 8 August 5.30 – 7.30pm Tea on the Terrace** – please note earlier start time.

Marilyn Broadhurst

### **Abington Bowls Club**

Returning after a two-year pandemic pause, ABC have hit the ground running. We are currently top of the league having won 8 matches and drawn one of the 10 played.

I post reports in the Abington Village Community Facebook group site. Also, the result of the latest game will be shown on a board hanging on the wall by the green (which is on the High St in Little Abington). If you are really keen you can go to the C&D website and track our progress. [www.cambridge-and-districtbowls.co.uk](http://www.cambridge-and-districtbowls.co.uk). Click on LEAGUES, then LEAGUE DIV 4 to find the table. Scroll down to find our results.

**July** home games are on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6.30 pm.

Graham Ross



## The Linton Greenway update

Resident power has made the Greater Cambridge Partnership review the route for the Linton Greenway through the Abingtons. This is a positive result for the village and is a good example of community engagement having an impact. The project manager has responded to comments from residents; *“Given the sentiment expressed, at the meeting and in the majority of correspondence received, it is clear that safely retrofitting Route A to meet design standards in the existing village setting involves changes that are simply not palatable to residents. We have therefore elected to cease further design works on Route A and will review the feasibility of delivering Route C as part of the overall Linton Greenway strategy. As I outlined at the meeting Route C has significant challenges to overcome in terms of land acquisition and budget allocation.”*

## Blue Plaque

Have you seen the new Blue Plaque in Great Abington? The Council were pleased to support South Cambridgeshire Blue Plaque Committee's suggestion of a Blue Plaque for Ivy Lodge, Linton Road, commemorating Sir Fred Hoyle, the astronomer and cosmologist, who once lived there.

## Planning

Please attend a planning meeting if you would like to make a comment that we can consider in our debate before agreeing on the Parish Council's recommendation to SCDC. If you have views on a planning application, you should also make your comment on the South Cambs. website (link below) as this will ensure that the planners take your view into consideration in their decision-making. For more information on the applications below, use the reference given below at:- <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/planning/view-or-comment-on-a-planning-application/>

## Parish Council – applications received

22/01573/HFUL – 15 Pampisford Road - single storey side extension.

22/01602/HFUL & 2/01603/LBC– 86 High Street - Energy refurbishment of Hall Farmhouse including internal insulation of the link and barn, replacement render and windows, and upgrading of building services to include an Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP), Mechanical Ventilation and Heat Recovery (MVHR) systems and PV arrays to barn, garage and pool house.

22/01757/HFUL – 4 Linton Road - Replace the existing flat roof canopy and conversion of garage.

22/04/2022 – 33 South Road - Demolition of existing haystore and erection of a single detached dwelling including all associated external works and re-instatement of granny annexe to stables/ancillary buildings servicing

22/01471/HFUL – 141 High Street - Single storey rear extension to replace conservatory and single storey front porch extension.

22/01556/S73 – Strawberry Farm 3 Pampisford Road -S73 to vary condition 1 of ref: S/3387/RM ((Approval of matters reserved for appearance landscaping layout & scale following outline planning permission S/1433/16/OL for residential development comprising 8 dwellings including affordable housing provision landscaping and associated infrastructure) to amend the design of Plot 3, alter the boundary layout of Plots 2, 3 and 4.

22/02329/PRIOR – 6 Magna Close – Single storey rear extension.

## District Council outcomes

22/00745/LBC – Abington Hall – Amendment to previously approved layout under 21/03536/LBC to extend the lift to serve the basement level. To include relocation of basement showers and the provision of a new fire escape door. PC supported SCDC approved

21/05216/HFUL – Plot 3 - Land Rear Of Strawberry Farm Pampisford Road Great Abington Cambridgeshire CB21 6AQ . Installation of outdoor swimming pool, ancillary pool house and associated infrastructure and works SCDC approved

21/05296/FUL – Land north of 100 High Street – demolish garage and erect 2 storey dwelling. SCDC approved

### Great Abington Parish Council Meetings

Held in Abington Village Institute

**Tony Orgee (Chairman) [tonyorgee@gmail.com](mailto:tonyorgee@gmail.com)**

**Planning Committees:** These are arranged as required when applications are received. See Parish Council notice board for dates or contact the Parish Clerk.

**Next Parish Council meeting: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7.15pm**

There will be opportunities at the start and close of the meeting for members of the public to speak to the council about matters of concern. Notices, 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](mailto:harper802@btinternet.com) (892 000)

Greater Cambridge Partnership released this information on 15 June 2022

## PLANS FOR SOUTH WEST TRAVEL HUB PROVISIONALLY APPROVED

Plans to create a new travel hub to the south-west of Cambridge that will help take thousands of cars out of the city have taken a big step forward today.

The Greater Cambridge Partnership has provisionally been granted approval to construct the travel hub on a site to the west of the M11 Junction 11 by Cambridgeshire County Council.

The planning application will now be passed onto the Secretary of State for the final decision.

The travel hub will have up to 2,150 car parking spaces – with 108 blue badge spaces and 108 electric vehicle charging bays – and 326 cycle spaces to encourage more people to get out of their cars and cycle, walk, or use public transport.

It will also have 12 parking spaces for coaches, a horse corral for equestrian use and an off-road public transport link between the travel hub and the A10 Hauxton Road/Addenbrooke's Road junction.

**Cllr Elisa Meschini, Chair of the GCP's Executive Board**, said:

“The Cambridge South West Travel Hub will intercept thousands of motorists who drive into the city and employment sites from the M11 and A10. It will link up to our Melbourn Greenway walking and cycling route and encourage more people to complete the last mile of their journeys on foot, bicycle and bus.

“We are busy delivering projects that will create an integrated transport network to transform how people travel around the area, with better public transport services and walking and cycling links to free up our congested roads and improve the quality of the air we breathe.”

As part of the scheme, the GCP will be enhancing the habitat of the area by planting trees and plants to improve the biodiversity of the area.

Further detailed design work will now be carried out and construction is expected to begin in 2024.

## Hildersham News

### Children's Church Council News

The CCC brought its architectural skills to the fore yet again to create mansions and penthouses for the insect population of Hildersham churchyard. Members researched and carefully considered the best places to site these new homes and, of course, all the materials used were recycled or found objects.

We have also produced a large churchyard map illustrating the areas that are left wild at different times of the year. The bird boxes and bug hotels are also illustrated on this map. The map will be placed at the entrance to the churchyard for visitors to read and as a demonstration of the Church's and CCC's commitment to our biodiversity.



**Tea Party** The sun is shining, and we look forward to our fourth seasonal **tea party** which will be held in the churchyard, weather permitting, on **Sunday 24 July from 3 – 4.30pm**. All are very welcome to sample homemade cakes and biscuits, there will be a scavenger hunt exploring the church and churchyard for youngsters or indeed those young at heart.

**Caring for God's acre** ...week commencing 4 July and including weekend of 12 July.

Would you like to explore nature within the churchyard?

We are joining a national 'Churches Count on Nature' survey'.

In the church is a box with an I-spy guide sheet for you to fill in as you turn over stones, look closely at gravestones and look through the leaves of the towering trees to discover the wildlife and flora that has made this beautiful space its home for many centuries. Magnifying glasses and bug viewing boxes will be in the box so that you can really get up close.

Please also take the opportunity to draw or list any finds not on our I spy sheet. Once you have completed your explorations please leave your survey sheet in the box provided and we will send off the data which will become part of the national picture.



**Kathy Bishop** - Hildersham church joins other Benefice churches in wishing Kathy Bishop a very happy and rewarding retirement. Her joy and prayerfulness have helped many of us through both happy and sad times and have certainly strengthened our resolve and our faith.

### Hildersham Parish Council

If you notice a fault with the highways, such as pot holes, you can report them using the following link: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults>



The next meeting of Hildersham Parish Council will be on 12 July 2022 in Hildersham Village Hall. Information is on the Parish Council's website: <https://hildershamparishcouncil.org.uk>

### **Abingtons Platinum (70) Jubilee Celebrations reach a climax on 5 June 2022**



**Drone photo by courtesy of Jimmy Lawrence. Taken on Sunday 5 June as Jubilee celebrations were drawing to a close.**

**Warmest thanks to all who planned and organised an amazingly diverse range of activities through which the village residents could celebrate the historic 70-year reign of HM Queen Elizabeth II.**

#### **PPF Holiday Bushcraft for 5–12-year-olds**

**Monday 25 July – Thursday 28 July, 8.30am to 4pm, Wandlebury Country Park.**

Holiday Bushcraft at Wandlebury is designed for children aged 5-12 and is run by experienced qualified teachers from Wild Thyme & Embers, who will inspire children and share their knowledge and skills of surviving in the wild. The sessions focus on practical bushcraft and survival skills and follow a forest school approach encouraging self-confidence and sense of achievement. All basic bushcraft techniques suitable for this age range will be taught.

The cost for each day is £38 per child.

Children need to bring a packed lunch and large water bottle (which can be refilled throughout the day) and dress for the weather. Please send children with a change of clothes and ensure they wear suitable footwear, preferably closed toe shoes such as hiking boots, wellies or trainers.

Please book via the Wild Thyme & Embers <http://www.wildthymeandembers.co.uk/holiday-bushcraft-club/> **Where** Wandlebury Ring, Gog Magog Hills, Cambridge, CB22 3AE



## Linton District Girlguiding

Jubilee celebrations were everywhere in Girlguiding... As usual we also had a special badge or three to sew on our camp blankets.



The CambsLighting Ceremony at the Jarman Centre was an amazing experience and one we will never forget. Our Anglia region residential Centre at Hautbois, Coltishall, Norfolk had one too as did all our residential sites around the country. We attended village picnics, and in our units did our own celebratory skills builders and activities. The Queen herself had a Guide unit in her own back garden, 1<sup>st</sup> Buckingham Palace Guides, along with Princess Margaret as a Brownie. All meeting up in the gardens of Buckingham Palace and set up by their mother, then Queen Elizabeth, to enable her daughters and their friends to earn their Girlguiding challenge badges.



Since her coronation in 1952 Her Majesty the Queen has been patron of Girlguiding and Sophie, the countess of Wessex, our President since taking over from Princess Margaret in 2002. Then as now, Girlguiding offers a place where girls and young women can just be themselves. They can build brilliant friendships, gain valuable life skills, build their confidence and raise their aspirations. Encouraging them to be a powerful force for good. It really is incredible to think we span every corner of the globe and have done so for over 100 years, today tomorrow together.




Come and see what we do.

Contact Louisa on 07711614328 [lintondistrict@gmail.com](mailto:lintondistrict@gmail.com) @Linton District  
<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/>

### July Services (not Abingtons and Hildersham, 10.30am Online Service available for all )

DATE	9.00 am	10.30 am	pm
3 July		Communion <i>Balsham</i>	
10 July	Communion <i>Weston Colville</i>		Evening Prayer <i>West Wratting</i> 6.00pm
17 July	Communion <i>West Wratting</i>	Morning Worship <i>Balsham</i>	
24 July	Morning Worship <i>Weston Colville</i>		
31 July		Communion <i>Balsham</i> <b><u>11.15am</u></b>	

## Church Services for July 2022

DATE	Gt. Abington 	Lt. Abington 	Hildersham 	Readings
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>10.30 am United Service at Balsham</b>			2 Kings 5.1-14 Luke 10.1-11,16-20
10 <sup>th</sup> July		10.30am Communion		Amos 7.7-end Luke 10.25-37
17 <sup>th</sup> July			6.00pm Evensong	Amos 8.1-12 Luke 10.38-end
24 <sup>th</sup> July			10.30am Communion	Hosea 1.2-10 Luke 11.1-13
31 <sup>st</sup> July	6.00pm Evensong		9.00am BCP Morning Prayer	Hosea 11.1-11 Luke 12.13-21

### Church Flower Rota

	Gt. Abington	Lt. Abington	Hildersham
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Annette Thomson	Kay Harman and June Waring	Sarah Hall
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Pat Kennedy	Lesley Crisp and Rosemary Mead	Sarah Hall
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Pat Kennedy	Lesley Crisp and Rosemary Mead	Lynne Hartland
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Ann Godden	Antonia Kilcommons	Lynne Hartland
31 <sup>st</sup> July	Ann Godden	Antonia Kilcommons	Amanda Palmer

### Churchwardens

<i>Little Abington</i>	Graham Ross	41 Church Lane, Little Abington	891564
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### 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

Kim Cox	Not 24 hrs, please leave a message if no reply - Kim will respond when next on duty.	07498 994205
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