



The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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Photo by Andy Merryweather

**Dozens of swallows have been seen in Great Abington in July.
Adults have long streamers on their tails; juveniles do not.**

Letter from the Editor

July, what a month we have had. The Jubilee celebrations were swiftly followed by Government resignations leading to the need to elect a new Prime Minister, a heatwave causing personal discomfort and extra pressure on the NHS, plus disruption to travel and fires damaging property. The new PM is going to find an inbox full of these serious problems as well as ruinous cost of living increases and a war in Europe. Shakespeare's Danish King had a point in remarking "When sorrows come, they come not single spies but in battalions" *Hamlet*.

There was a good response to the Open Gardens in Great Abington, including visits to the allotments. A library has been opened in the porch of Great Abington church. We are reminded of the need to support the Foodbanks in the churches at both Little and Great Abington (page 5).

While several regular events are taking a summer break the diary on page 10 shows that there are still both outdoor and indoor activities on offer. There is also a special Summer Tea and a Lunch as well as a WI tea on the terrace. The café will continue to be open on the mornings of Thursday, Friday and Saturday. On Thursday 1 September the AALGA will host a BBQ. (See pages 7, 10 to 13).

The parish councils have been keeping an eye on planning matters including road and transport issues (pages 14, 15, 16) and the County and District Councils report on wider-ranging planning and also on the availability of funds that could be useful for our villages. (Pages 8-9).

The major work at the Hildersham crossing on the A1307 is nearing completion and there will be an important feasibility and costing exercise on the potential for the Linton Greenway to take the Pampisford Road route.

Many thanks to Ian Richardson who has volunteered to organise the placing of community oil orders. In the September issue of the *News* Ian will call for orders for oil delivery in October.

Abington Naturewatch members monitor and record the local plant and animal wildlife as well as organising monthly visits to the river to keep it clean. I am indebted to Naturewatch for delightful photographs included in this edition of the *News* (cover page, pages 12, 17). These illustrate the beautiful sights to be seen in our countryside.

Valerie Silvey

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From the Seven Churches

This summer has been a time of farewells in our churches! We've had leaving services in June for both Jeanine Kennedy, who was then ordained on 3rd July at Ely Cathedral and is now the curate at St Andrew's Cherry Hinton, and Kathy Bishop. There is a wonderful photo below of Jeanine being ordained in Ely Cathedral, and Kathy and many others were there to support Jeanine as a new chapter of life and ministry opened up for her. Both these services acknowledged that there is a time and season for everything and gave thanks for the privilege of using one's gifts to proclaim faith, hope and love.



Following her last service at the end of June, Kathy is now on sabbatical for six months, so we won't be seeing her lead services in that time, though she may still be around as part of the congregation. We will miss her prayerful leadership and are very grateful for all she has given in her ministry in our parishes. This sabbatical, however, does provide a time and space in which Kathy may reflect upon how to continue to use her many gifts to minister and serve in a different time and season in her life.

During this summer we also have a special confirmation service which Bishop Dagmar will lead at Balsham Church at 10.30am on Sunday 14th August. At this service, those being confirmed make a profession of their Christian faith and the Bishop prays for them to be strengthened in the gifts of the Spirit. There will be two children and three adults being confirmed and all are welcome to attend and support them at this exciting time.

Perhaps summertime, and for some the holiday season, is a good time in general to pause and reflect on how we are using our gifts in love and service and whether a new time or season approaches for us. For whatever time and season we are in, there is always the opportunity, as the Bible puts it, to "encourage one another and build each other up". What an amazing privilege it is then, to share faith, hope and love, as we journey together through life.

Revd Iain McColl

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 and follow the link to the pdf for the month you want.

News from the Pews

Open Gardens First and foremost the PCC wish to offer most grateful thanks to the seven families and the allotment society for opening their gardens to the general public for the 'Open Garden' event. Their generosity was rewarded as the PCC were delighted by the number of visitors to the gardens and to those who also supported the 'Cream Teas' and stalls back at the church thereby boosting the much-needed church funds. Thank you everyone.

Christian Aid The PCC are delighted to announce that the Christian Aid collection throughout the Abingtons raised £613.90. This high amount is evidence that although we are all faced with some form of financial crisis we still care for those less fortunate than ourselves, so well done to all who supported this charity.

Church Porch Food Banks We are all aware of the national necessity of Food Banks. Here in the Abingtons the situation of struggling to put food on the table sadly exists for some. We therefore ask for community support to help this situation. By adding just one extra item to your weekly shopping basket each week would be of enormous help, Food baskets are in the porch of both churches. Suggested needs: Groceries, Fruit and Vegetables, Cleaning Products and Personal Hygiene Products.

Library Books at Great Abington Church Following the hugely successful library at Little Abington Church, Great Abington Church have finally created a library in their porch. Studies show that reading a good book provides escape from the 'real world' – for all ages. Please do take advantage of these community facilities and ENJOY!

Safe Repair Huge thanks to a local retired locksmith who serviced the church safe in Great Abington. Our very old safe was becoming difficult to open and close, he gave the safe a complete overhaul and now it's working splendidly. Not only were we fortunate to find a locksmith who was experienced in repairing very old safes, he also refused payment, and so we gratefully thank him for giving us his time and experience.

Anne Hall

Sally Turnidge

Derek and the family want to thank the village for all the cards, letters, messages, hugs and handshakes they have received in the time since Sally died. In addition, thanks to all who were able to be at Little Abington Church for the Service of Thanksgiving for Sally's life and who helped at the Institute afterwards.

Derek Turnidge

Granta Vale Ministry Team

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<https://grantavale.org.uk>

Granta Medical Practices Update August 2022

Flu & Covid vaccines

I can't believe it's that time already, but we are now finalising the 2022 flu clinics! Additionally, we are planning the Covid autumn vaccination campaign.

There are still unanswered questions, such as:

- Who will be eligible for the flu vaccine this year?
- When will the Covid vaccines be delivered to us?
- Will we be able to vaccinate patients with the flu vaccine at the same time as Covid vaccine?
- Will we be able to hold Covid vaccine clinics at each Granta site, as opposed to Sawston only?

As soon as our questions are answered by NHS England and our local Integrated Care System (formerly the Clinical Commissioning Group) we will let you know and will publicise the vaccine clinic dates and contact our patients directly to arrange appointments.

In the meantime, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me direct on sandra.east@nhs.net or 0300 234 5555, option 2.

Have you considered downloading the new patient app, **Airmid**? With this app you have online access to your medical records and you can order repeat medications. You can also integrate the app with your wearable health trackers. The Airmid app is available to download from Google and the App Store.

Sandra East, Head of Patient Services

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Friends of the Rosie Hospital

We hope that all our customers and their families are in good health and are enjoying the lovely summer weather- the excessive heat of 18-19 July happened after this was written.

Thank you for visiting our stall at the Bar Hill Village Festival. My crocheting was overwhelming and decided to be a carnation! Our fundraising through Rosie in Stitches has now reached £1,277 so far in 2022.

We have joined marketplaces on Facebook, details are on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/RosieinStitches/>

We are continuing to accept donations of unwanted crafting materials for our crafters to use or for us to sell on eBay. We are still recruiting new crafters to our team, with some lovely toys and baby cardigans received recently.

New members are always welcome, whether to contribute financially, to join our team of crafters or display a small selection of our wares. Contact Mary Sanders on 01223 356 615, further details are given on our website www.rosieinstitches.org.uk.

All the very best for summer 2022. Thank you for your continued support. Stay safe

Avril Williams

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The Abington Lunch Thursday 25 August 2022

Fruit Juice



Savoury Tarts with Seasonal Salads

Summer Fruit Salad

Tea or Coffee

Please book your meal on 07554 43 33 17. Leave your name and telephone number with your message before noon on Tuesday 23 August. 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. Guests only by special arrangement. **Only £5.**

Next lunch Thursday 22 September 2022

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; August dates – 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

For more information and to book please contact Emma Lane at emmatlane@gmail.com / 07803 543 992

Abington Bag2School

We are pleased to announce that Abington Preschool has organised a clothes and shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for Abington Preschool

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more, you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from Abington Preschool on 13 October. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to Abington Primary School and help us have a really good collection.

County and District Council District and County Councillors' Report July 2022

Local Plan Responses

The first draft of South Cambridgeshire District Council's local plan has now been commented upon by landowners, potential housing developers and members of the public. The Local Plan is a hugely important document as it dictates where houses can be built in the district over the next 30 years. The proposals were to concentrate all the development into existing and forthcoming towns – such as Cambourne, Northstowe, Waterbeach New Town.

The consultation was an interesting exercise as it was the first opportunity for the land allocations to be officially challenged. The comments will be digested by the District Council and then a final proposal published – time frame TBC. If you are interested, all of the comments can be viewed on the Greater Cambridge Planning website - <https://consultations.greatercambridgeplanning.org/greater-cambridge-local-plan-first-proposals>

A1307 Upgrades

The next set of upgrades being currently implemented on the A1307 is the safer crossing point at the Hildersham junction. This involves putting in a crossing for all non-motorised users (pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders). This will be fully completed in the summer.

Some good news on the route of the Linton Greenway – a 'non-motorised user' route that begins in Cambridge and runs through to Linton. There was a lot of concern over the routing of the greenway through Abington, the issue being whether directing non-motorised users through the village centre is the correct way. There are also proposals to close, or partially close, some of the roads in and out of the village to motorised vehicles. Following lobbying from residents and your local councillors, the GCP are going to relook at the route down Pampisford Road, avoiding the village centre in its entirety. The cost benefit analysis is due to be completed in the Autumn.

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

Planning Department Reshuffle

The South Cambs. planning department has had a slight reshuffle due to staffing issues in the service – the new senior officer who is managing our area is Jane Rodens, who has been with the authority for some time and is very experienced.

LHI Bids

The next round of bids for LHI (Local Highway Improvements) will be opening soon for bids from Parish Councils; the likely date will be September/October. If you can think of a small highways project that might benefit the village, please do contact your parish council, as they have to bid for them.

Innovate and Cultivate grant

The popular Innovate and Cultivate grant, administered by the County Council, has had a rebrand. It is now called Cultivate Cambs. The first round of funding has just been announced and bids are open until September 16th. Full information can be found at - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities-localism/cultivate-cambs-fund>

Odessa Project

There is a new scheme that has been launched called the Odessa Project, based in Bourn, which helps Ukrainian refugees find jobs in the catering industry - https://theodessaproject.com/?utm_source=sendinblue&utm_campaign=Business%20newsletter%20-%20TEMPLATE%20FOR%20June%202022&utm_medium=email – if you think anyone you know may benefit from this, please do pass this on.

Bin Lorry

South Cambs. District Council, the council that collects our bins, has invested in a second electric bin lorry to add to the one that they already have. The fleet will be powered from a new solar farm next to the depot in Waterbeach, which has been built to make the waste depot completely self-sufficient.

Contact Information

District Council – John Batchelor – johndbatchelor23@gmail.com

District & County Council – Henry Batchelor – henrybatchelor89@gmail.com

Sawston Fun Run Success allows Rotary to donate £14,225 to local groups

Over a hundred people joined Jennifer Crompton, the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire, at Sawston Village College in mid-July to celebrate the success of the May 8th Fun Run & Walk that attracted over eleven hundred entrants, largely from Cambridgeshire villages. It raised £14,225 for the 2022 beneficiaries. The evening involved handing out cheques to the main beneficiaries: East Anglia's Children's Hospices [EACH] and Rowan, a local charity that supports adults with learning disabilities, and thirteen other organisations.

Gerry Holloway, co-ordinator of the organising committee, said 'The £14,225 being donated tonight takes the total that the Rotary has raised since 2001 to £318,000 and the grand total since 1986 to well over £500,000. However, this could not be achieved without the huge support the event receives from so many people in the community. Without this help the event just could not take place.'

Gerry thanked the many helpers who made the event possible; Rotarians from Cambridge Sawston, Cambridge and Saffron Walden, the cricket club, marshals, air cadets, army cadets, Sawston VC helpers, Sawston Youth Group and SVC Steel Pan Band, the lead cyclist Yasmin Emmerson, Marlene Sharpe-Westwood for conducting the warm-up aerobics session, Welch's transport and Kester Lilley for the use of their vehicles and those manning the water stations.

Gerry continued 'A special thanks must go to this year's main sponsors Boswells and Mica Hardware who stepped up to the plate to be the event sponsor, and the other sponsors and local businesses for their financial support, along with Star Radio for their interest and backing. He also thanked members of the Red Graphic team for producing the new Fun Run website and other promotional material.

Jennifer Crompton, the High Sheriff presented shields to Adult Sponsor of the year, Joby Reed, Young Sponsor of the Year, Charlotte Falconer and Young sponsorship collector, Taylor Ford. After giving an interesting and informative address she then presented cheques for £5,000 and £2,500 to EACH and Rowan respectively and £1,000 to the Challis Trust and a further £5,725 to twelve organisations – other local groups to benefit are: Friends of Bellbird Primary School, Jigsaw Preschool, Shelford & Stapleford Youth Initiative, Boys Brigade, Pippins Preschool, Caring Together, Sawston Scouts, William Westley School PTA, Sawston Toy Library, A M Challis Trust, Sawston Girls Football Club, Sawston and Babraham Cricket Club, Sawston Nursery. Dictionaries were given to six primary schools.

The 2023 event will be held on 7th May.

Diary for August 2022

Date		Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Mon	1	Physio Pilates	2.20pm	11
Wed	3	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
Thu	4	Abington Walking Group Granta Vale Harmony	9.50am 7.30pm	12 12
Mon	8	Physio Pilates Abington & Hildersham WI- Tea on the Terrace	2.20pm 5.30pm	11 13
Tue	9	Reading Group – see page 11 for venue	7.30pm	11
Wed	10	Yoga – course and drop in	9.30am	11
Thu	11	Granta Vale Harmony	7.30pm	13
Mon	15	Social Cycling - meet at 1 Bourn Bridge Road	11.00am	12
Tue	16	Summer Tea	2.30pm	10
Thu	18	Craft Group Granta Vale Harmony	1.30pm 7.30pm	13 13
Sat	20	Abington Walking Group	10.00am	12
Tue	23	Scrabble Club	7.00pm	12
Thu	25	Abington Lunch Granta Vale Harmony	1.00pm 7.30pm	7 13
Tue	30	Rivercare and litter pickup - meet at bridge/ford	9.30am	
Thu	1 Sep	AALGA BBQ	12 noon	12

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

Institute bookings: contact preferably by email: institute@theabingtons.org.uk or phone 07591 064 310.

Jeremiah's Café in Abington Village Institute	
Opening times in August 2022	
Thursday lunchtime	11.30am – 1.30pm (4, 11, 18) Lunch 25 th
Friday	8.45am – 11.00am (5, 12, 19, 26)
Saturday mornings	10.00am – 12 noon (6, 13, 20, 27)

Contacts for Café – helenstchowe@btinternet.com and helen.rogers.uk@gmail.com

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

SUMMER TEA AT JEREMIAH'S CAFE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY
Tuesday 16 August 2.30 to 4.30 pm
£5 for all of this Choice of sandwiches, cheese/fruit scone
 Slice of Delicious Cake and Tea/Coffee
BOOKING ESSENTIAL PLEASE.
Gaynorfarrant198@btinternet.com or phone 07817 517 871

Wheelie bin dates for August 2022 (Abingtons and Hildersham)

Mon 1 Black	Mon 8 Green/Blue	Mon 15 Black	Mon 22 Green/Blue	Tue 30 Black
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Yoga – Wednesdays 9.30am at Abington Institute

Contact Joan 890 629 or email 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

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

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 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 abingtonannexeoffice@gmail.com

WANTED - Fun and playful team members to join our out of school club at GAPS!

Part time work, breakfast club and after school. If you think you have time to help out looking after our 2-11 yr olds please get in touch! abingtonannexeoffice@gmail.com 01223 894 246

All positions at Abington Community out of School Club are subject to enhanced DBS checks and satisfactory references.

Reading Group

9 August	<i>Sweet, Sweet Revenge Ltd</i> Jonas Jonasson	Bev Dennis
13 September	<i>A Town Called Solace</i> Mary Lawson	Sylvia Gilmour
11 October	<i>The Offing</i> Benjamin Myers	Diana Wingfield

We will meet at 7.30pm at Bev's to discuss *Sweet, Sweet Revenge Ltd*. Please confirm attendance to Bev and copy me in.

We would welcome new members. If interested please email me:

vhefford@yahoo.co.uk.

Valerie Hefford

Abington Walking Group

Our last walks were to Dullingham and the midsummer picnic and trek to the Roman Road and back which was a lovely evening with an excellent number of walkers.

Your August strolls are on Thursday 4th and Saturday 20th.

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

We would welcome more walkers to join us – we are not an exclusive group !

The countryside is looking parched just now but still magnificent.



Robin Harman on 891730 or robandkayharman@gmail.com

George Woodley on 891169 or ge29gew@gmail.com



Photo by Derek Turnidge – Hummingbird Hawkmoth

AALGA Summer BBQ – a date for your diary

The Allotment Association's annual site barbecue will be held on Sunday 1st September 2019 from 12 noon – 1.30pm near the Linton Road entrance. Veggie options available. Allotment holders, villagers, families and friends are all welcome to attend. Just turn up on the day.

Social Cycling

Obviously, the unprecedented heat put paid to the July ride. We intend to go again on Monday 15 August leaving at 11am from 1 Bourn Bridge Road. Come and join us. Gaynor Farrant 07817 517 871 or gaynorfarrant198@btinternet.com

Scrabble Club

The next meeting of the Scrabble group will be on Tuesday 23 August at 7pm in the Institute. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month and new members are very welcome.

Sheena Fraser

Abington Craft Group

The next meeting will be on Thursday 18 August, 1.30-4.30pm at Abington Institute. We would welcome ideas for simple items to make for refugees, charity gift boxes etc. All welcome. Light refreshments provided. Small fee of £2 per session to cover costs. Email- 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

Abington & Hildersham Women's Institute

Instead of our normal WI meeting our annual summer outing (postponed in 2020 and 2021) took place on 27th July – too late for this report, but we are hoping that by the time you read this we will have returned safely from a relaxing day out and much more knowledgeable about plants which can survive our increasingly hot summers! We are delighted to welcome Brenda Heard and Louise Platts as new members and look forward to seeing everyone at our Tea on the Terrace in August, with refreshments provided by the committee.

The resolution *Women & Girls with ASD & ADHD - under-identified, under-diagnosed, misdiagnosed, under-supported*, passed with a majority of 96.5%. The NFWI asks the government and funding bodies to fund research into the female presentation of autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and for action to improve the diagnosis process for women and girls, ensuring that they are better equipped to manage these conditions and do not suffer in silence. A campaign action pack with ideas and resources to take the campaign forward will be available soon.
Next Meeting: 8 August 5.30 – 7.30pm Tea on the Terrace – please note earlier start time.

Marilyn Broadhurst

Abington Bowls Club

ABC In Second Spot It's tough at the top, especially with a rival snapping at your heels. Division 4 of the C&D Bowls League has turned into something of a two-horse race – although one cannot yet discount Foxton – with Cottenham edging ahead of us by half a League point. And last night we suffered a heavy reverse at Milton, so I suspect that we will now be even further behind in the League. But still in a promotion spot. All we can do is keep fighting. The season has been disrupted by the twin threats of Covid and the heatwave, with several games being postponed because of one or other of them. Games carefully spaced out over the 4 months of the season will now have to be crammed into the last few weeks, but it is a problem facing all the teams. Look at the Abington Village Community Facebook page for our results.

Graham Ross

London Marathon fundraising at the Institute

I am hiring the institute on Sunday 14 August from 1pm to 5pm for a fundraising event for when I run the London Marathon in October this year in memory of my grandad.

I will be doing tea, coffee, squash, cakes, biscuits or offer with several raffle prizes. All funds raised will be put towards my London Marathon.
Thank you so much.

Charlotte King

Little Abington Parish Council

Transport plan consultation

The public consultation for the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP) for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough is open until 4 August – a few days left to have your say. Go to yourltcp.co.uk

Linton Greenway

Once the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) were made aware of the hostility to Route A through the village they have ceased design work. They will now conduct a feasibility study of delivering Route C along Pampisford Road, but this also presents challenges in terms of land acquisition and budget allocation. They are also in consultation with Granta Park on these proposals.

Verges on Bourn Bridge Road

For a second year most walkers have been keeping off the protected roadside verges along Bourn Bridge Road and the wild grasses and flowers continue to recover. Please maintain the effort to conserve this valuable village asset.

Planning meeting on 28 June

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.

Recommended approval

22/02327/HFUL/22/02763/LBC 46 High Street: Alterations, repairs and erection of a Summer House. Recommended approval

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

22/02371/HFUL, Abington Pottery 26 High Street: Erection of garage/workshop. Recommended approval

21/03822/FUL, 1 Granta Park Great Abington Cambridge: Erection of R&D building and associated decked car park, landscaping and associated infrastructure. Amendment: 1 Minor adjustment to siting of proposed multi-storey carpark. Recommended approval

Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Held in Abington Institute

Next Meeting: Monday 26 September 2022, Parish Council at 7.15pm

Sheila Bolden (Chairman) 07754 659 929 Email: sheila.bolden@btinternet.com

Jessica Ashbridge (Clerk) Email: clerk.lapc@gmail.com

Next meeting

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 website: www.littleabingtonparishcouncil.org.uk/.

The Pump Track – update

Many of you will have seen the new signage and surface markings at the pump track. This completes the work of the contractor Conservefor. Due to the weather conditions the seeding around the track has not been as successful as hoped. A plan is in place to reseed and landscape in the autumn when weather conditions will hopefully be more favourable. To complete the project the Recreation Ground Committee are actively working on a plan to landscape the triangle of land between the new path leading to the school and the pump track before applying for grants to fund the work.

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 views into consideration in their decision-making. For more information on the applications, use the reference given below at:- <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/planning/view-or-comment-on-a-planning-application/>

Parish Council - applications received

22/02548/FUL – 14 Magna Close - Change of use from existing timber outbuilding to hairdressing salon.

District Council outcomes

22/00797/FUL – 2 Pampisford Road –erection of two storey dwelling. PC supported DC approved.

22/02329/PRIOR – 6 Magna Close – Single storey rear extension. PC supported DC approved.

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). DC approved.

Great Abington Parish Council Meetings

Held in Abington Village Institute

Tony Orgee (Chairman) 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 19 September 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 (892 000)

Hildersham Parish Council

Report on the Hildersham Parish Council AGM meeting held on 12th July 2022.

The Council has received a £700 grant from the Platinum Jubilee Community Chest to contribute towards creating and installing a pictorial map of walks around Hildersham on a lectern style sign, which the council plans to install near the entrance to the Recreation Ground.

A highway department officer had seen the hazardous nature of the junction of Back Road/High Street/Balsham Road crossroads and how drivers frequently fail to stop, when they are required to. He has requested that another colleague suggest options to improve the junction, which may be funded by the local highway initiative scheme. This scheme enables local councils to bid for funding for road improvement schemes.

A local landowner had kindly agreed to donate a tree to be planted opposite the village hall, and to be used as a Christmas tree. Councillors are considering how power could get to the location to illuminate the tree in December.

Defibrillator training still needs to be arranged for any Hildersham residents interested in learning how to use the equipment, please look out for the date on the notice board. It is likely to be on a Tuesday in August. In the event of a cardiac emergency, the defibrillator does issue clear instructions to the equipment user, so that anyone can use it; the training is to give people confidence in using it.

The District and County Councillors reported that there is a review looking at new options for the Hildersham crossing. The original proposal was for a three-way traffic lights system, but modelling is showing that traffic flows would be badly affected at busy times, this, coupled with difficulties over land acquisition, has led to a rethink. Local people should be consulted on the new proposals in the next few weeks but there is no date yet.

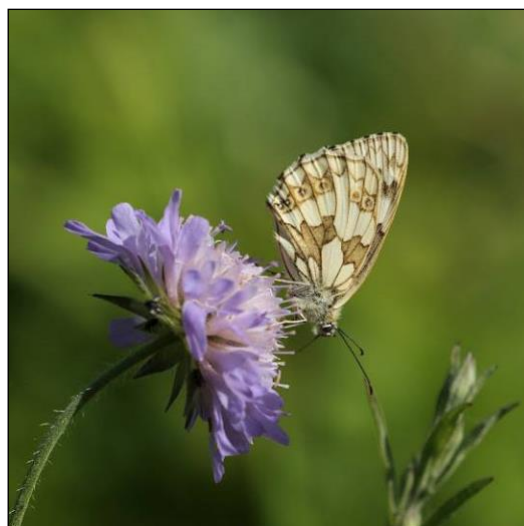
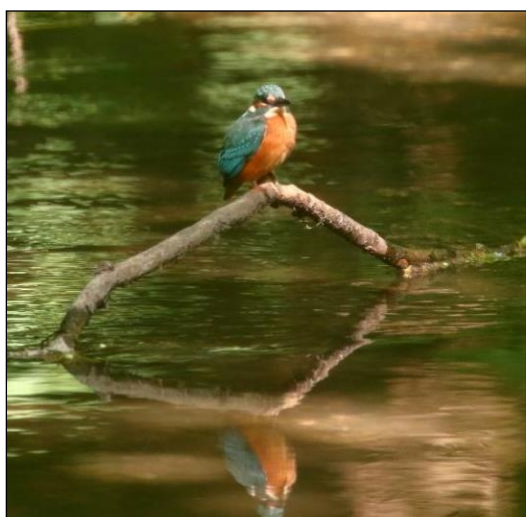
The Recreation Ground Trust and Field Garden Trust meeting is being held after each Parish Council meeting. The land previously administered by the parish council, including the allotments, the Recreation Ground, North and South Holding will be managed by the Trusts. Anyone is welcome to attend.

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 13th September 2022 in Hildersham Village Hall. Information is on the Parish Council's website: <https://hildershamparishcouncil.org.uk>

Kingfisher on the river and Scabious with Marbled White butterfly, June 2022

Photos by Andy Merryweather



Cambridge Past, Present and Future

Holiday Bushcraft for 5 to 12-year-olds



Monday 8 to Friday 12 August, Monday 15 to Friday 19 and Monday 22 to 26 August from 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

Other events in August organised by PPF include

Open Day on 7 August and on 22 August at Hinxton Water Mill, 2.30pm to 5pm

Visit this 17th century watermill on the River Cam. See the mill in action, riverside walk and Where's Ratty? game for children. Members free; non-members £3, children £1.

Leper chapel open on Saturdays 6 and 22 August 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Visit one of Cambridge's oldest buildings which is not usually open to the public.

Visit David Parr house at 186 Gwydir Street Cambridge, Thursday 18 August,

9.30–3.30 David Parr's home is a testament to the skills he learnt at the Cambridge firm of F R Leach & Sons and worked with many of the top designers and architects of the day.

Charity receives award in recognition of work to identify and support staff and volunteers who are carers

Care Network Cambridgeshire has been awarded Caring Together's Carer Friendly Tick Award (Employers), in recognition of their work to identify and support carers who are part of their workplace. The award was decided by a panel of carers who assessed the submission on behalf of Caring Together. Caring Together supports people caring for family members or friends across Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and Norfolk.

Care Network, a charity that provides information and practical support to empower people and communities to improve independence, health and wellbeing, is supported by a team of volunteers working across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Their roles range from helping people settle back at home safely after a hospital stay, to offering Check and Chat support to people at risk of loneliness, isolation, and low mood.

Susie Willis, chief executive officer at Care Network Cambridgeshire said, "At Care Network Cambridgeshire we recognise the vital contribution carers make to support individuals, families, and wider society. We have a passionate and diverse team, many of whom have caring responsibilities outside of work. We applied for the Carer Friendly Tick accreditation both to demonstrate our commitment to them but also to celebrate our people."

Care Network Cambridgeshire is a local charity empowering people and community groups for over 35 years. Our services include:

Wellbeing Support: A light touch, accessible service supporting people with low/moderate level mental health problems to build their resilience and connect with their community.

Help at Home: following a period of emotional or physical vulnerability, such as a stay in hospital, illness, or bereavement to regain independence.

Community Development: Working alongside local people to support them to meet the health and wellbeing needs of their communities.




Community Navigators: Empowering people to live safe and well within their communities with accessible information as well as support to engage with public and voluntary sector services.

For more information about our work and volunteering opportunities please visit care-network.org.uk/.

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

DATE	9.00 am	10.30 am	pm
7 August		Communion <i>Balsham</i>	
14 August	Communion <i>Weston Colville</i> Morning Worship <i>West Wickham</i> 9.30am	Confirmation and Communion <i>Balsham</i>	Evening Prayer <i>West Wrating</i> 6.00pm
21 August	Communion <i>West Wrating</i>		
28 August	Communion <i>West Wickham</i> Morning Worship <i>Weston Colville</i>		

Church Services for August 2022

DATE	Gt. Abington 	Lt. Abington 	Hildersham 	Readings
7 th August	10.30am United Service at Balsham			Genesis 15.1-6 Luke 12.32-40
14 th August	10.30am Confirmation and Communion at Balsham			Jeremiah 23.23-29 Luke 12.49-56
21 st August		6.00pm Evening Prayer	10.30am Morning Worship	Isaiah 58.9b-end Luke 13.10-17
28 th August	10.30am Communion			Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18 Luke 14.1,7-14

Church Flower Rota

	Gt. Abington	Lt. Abington	Hildersham
7 th August	Sheena Fraser and Pennie Zimmern	Carola Wolverson	Amanda Palmer
14 th August	Sheena Fraser and Pennie Zimmern	Carola Wolverson	Jean Morton
21 st August	Sarah Barron	Gill Smith and Mrs Apar	Jean Morton
28 th August	Sarah Barron	Gill smith and Mrs Apar	Kate Huntsman

Churchwardens

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