



The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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Photo by Betsy Gutteridge

Maple tree sheds a branch in Magna Close on 16 August, fortunately, with no damage to people or property.

Letter from the Editor

The countryside and our gardens are burning up in the heat and still the rain doesn't come. In Magna Close a magnificent maple tree suddenly shed a huge branch falling close to cars and houses (see cover photo). Whatever next!

Jennifer Hirsh was a tower of strength for the Abingtons over several decades. Her truly amazing and wide-ranging achievements are listed on page 14. She was a real champion of our communities and will be sorely missed.

Our Parish Nurse, Kim, is sadly having to resign and a replacement is being sought (page 6). We report the autumn programme of flu jabs (page 7).

Our thanks to Ian Richardson who is now calling for domestic heating oil orders due for delivery in October (page 5).

The reports from the County and District Councils have interesting information about grants available for a range of private and business and community purposes. They also provide details of the numbers of Ukrainians now settling in our area. A further report deals specifically with Ukrainians in the Abingtons and with a singing course aimed at helping them. (Pages 8-9)

The diary pages 10 to 13 show a welcome return of many clubs and classes. Please note the correct date, 4 September, for the AALGA BBQ. The Film Night is returning on 23 September. For those hoping to recycle clothes and household goods there will be collections in October by Emmaus and Bags2School (pages 6, 17).

The 10k, 5k and Fun Runs are taking place on Sunday 2 October (page 16).

The Abington churches are in need of funds. They also seek musicians who could play in some services. Look out for posters with details of the ever-popular Harvest Supper at the end of September (page 5).

See below my plea for a replacement editor in the near future.

Valerie Silvey

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Articles for the October 2022 edition of *The Abingtons and Hildersham News* should be sent to the editor no later than Thursday 15 September 2022 at news@theabingtons.org.uk. Photos welcome.

Editor for *The Abingtons and Hildersham News* - could this be you? For the last 15 years I have enjoyed editing the News. Now an octogenarian, with no guarantee of continuing good health, I think it necessary to search for a new editor to take over in the next few months. Previous editors took on this voluntary unpaid role for about two years. There are many topics which are repeated month after month (e.g. church events, reports from three parish councils, dates for the diary and accompanying notes from clubs), so there is a lot of cutting text from the current News and then pasting the up to date text in the new edition. If this role interests you, please contact me for more information, online at news@theabingtons.org.uk or phone 01223 891882. VS

From the Seven Churches

September often seems to me like a time of fresh starts and new challenges. My children, along with many others, return to school, and new classes are greeted with a mixture of eagerness and trepidation! Local clubs, groups and events may get going again after perhaps a short break or a sleepy August. This seems especially so this year as a remarkably hot and dry summer gives way to the plans and pre-occupations of autumn.

One of the groups planning ahead is the youth group which I am leading, called *Explorers*. It's been going for just over a year now and the monthly meetings are a mixture of games and exploring the Christian faith, together with some snacks and drinks! We have also enjoyed a couple of outings so far: a 'hike and hot dog' and a summer barbecue. When we meet in September, however, we will be looking to plan the year ahead and reflecting on a theme of boldness and courage. This is partly connected with the new challenges at school but also recognises that courage and boldness may be needed at many different times in life. It's always a joy to see how the children in the group explore some big questions with interest, humour and enthusiasm. How inspiring!

This theme was highlighted as well at the special confirmation service we held in August, where Bishop Dagmar spoke of the challenges those being confirmed would face in living out their faith in Jesus and how each would need the support and prayers of others. Bishop Dagmar also gave the example of the Bishop of the Amazon whom she met at the recent Lambeth conference, who took a boat along the Amazon River to visit congregations and faced many perils along the way. What courage and boldness she needed as she proclaimed faith, hope and love in her part of the world.

This confirmation service indeed reflects the encouragement St Paul gave to the church in Corinth when he wrote: "stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong" He also immediately added: "Do everything in love". How important it is to hold all of these things together! Whatever new challenges we may face in the different times and seasons of our lives, we too may draw upon this encouragement in living out faith, hope and love in our place and time.

PS. If you'd like to learn more about the youth group, please feel free to contact me on mccoll.iain@gmail.com

Revd Iain McColl

Saturday 24 September World River Day

This Annual Global gathering falls during the Autumn Equinox. A time when the harvest has been gathered and we are giving thanks for the abundance on earth and finding ways to send this abundance to all beings that dwell on this planet. To mark World River Day join us on Saturday 24 September for a river walk. Meeting at the Millennium bridge at 10 am we will walk along (or in!) the river singing the World River Day anthem. We will be celebrating the trees that line our length of river along the Recreation ground - what gifts these trees bring to us and how we can care for them. There will also be a chance to enjoy the water-inspired art students from Abington Woods have been moved to make. You may even want to add a canvas of your own!

Deborah James

News from the Pews

St Mary's Churches need your help. We are sure residents will be aware that we have two beautiful historic churches in our midst. Even if you haven't been inside, you will have noticed them when passing by and hopefully admired the exterior. Fundraising is our foremost way to fund the restoration, preservation, repair, maintenance, improvement and beautification of our churches. As a small group we work throughout the year on fund raising ideas, however, we would really welcome more help at events and fresh ideas. You don't necessarily have to attend church services, just appreciate the beauty and importance of the preservation of these amazing buildings within our community. We now have excellent facilities which enable us to hold varied events. If you would like to see our beautiful churches survive for many more years and enjoy fundraising work do contact one of the assistant churchwardens. If you are unable to take part in various fundraising projects but would like to support the churches financially, donations would be welcome and gift aid can add to this for UK taxpayers. For application forms contact the treasurer, Tony Orgee on 891 464.

Prayer Boxes – Amanda Goodman and Hannah Threlfall are leading a prayer team. There are prayer boxes in both churches where you may leave a prayer request or if you need someone to talk to please feel free to contact Amanda on 290 009. You may also visit prayer tables which are in both churches.

Calling all Musicians. Do you play a musical instrument? Steve Jordan from Balsham would like to hear from you if you would like to join a group to play your instrument for some of the songs in church worship. Contact Steve on steve.jordan61957@gmail.com

Disaster Emergency Committee; Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

Thank you to everyone who so generously supported this Appeal through the counter collection box inside Abington Stores and Post Office. £151 has been sent to the DES Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

Harvest Supper: Tickets will soon be available from Assistant Churchwardens and in the Post Office for this ever-popular annual event which will be held in the Village Institute on Friday 30 September. Tickets are £10 and £5 for junior school children. Further details to follow on posters and Facebook.

Anne Hall

There are library books and Food Banks at both churches.

Granta Vale Ministry Team

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Parish Nurse **Kim Cox** (see pages 6, 20)

Parish Administrator **Caroline Walshe** 891 443: 7churches.seven@gmail.com
<https://grantavale.org.uk>

Community Oil Order

Ian Richardson will take orders for domestic heating oil from 26 to 29 September with expected delivery by 14 October. Please provide Ian with the quantity of oil you require, your name, address, postcode and telephone number.

Please contact abingtonoil@icloud.com or phone 07592 731 591.

Parish Nurse – Kim Cox

It is with much regret that I have to advise that Kim has been obliged to resign from her post as a consequence of health issues. She will be much missed. The Parish Nurse Management Group are committed to the continuation of the service and are currently seeking to recruit a new nurse (see advertisement below). Kim has very kindly offered to stay on with us during the interim period and although she will not normally be able to undertake home visits, she will continue to provide telephone support and advice wherever possible. Kim will of course talk to all existing patients regarding arrangements for their continuing care but has asked that the following message be included with this notice.

“It is with much sadness that I will be leaving my Parish Nurse Role due to a long-term health problem. In the time I have been working in the community I have met so many of you and your families and I hope that this service gave you help when you needed it the most.

This, my final nursing role after 40 years, has been the most rewarding and I thank you all for your support. The Parish Nurse role is vital and creates a much-needed link to Granta Medical Services. One GP described it as ‘the eyes of the community’. Blessings, Health and Happiness to you all. Kim x”

Keith Day

Parish Nurse Vacancy – Part time

Nursing in the community

Connecting with the health needs of local people

We are looking to employ a **Registered Nurse** to work with our Ministry team in partnership both with the local NHS Medical Practice covering the area and with voluntary community groups. You will be providing a nursing service that integrates spiritual, physical, psychological, emotional and social health to the local community, regardless of their faith. 2 days (15 hours) per week plus 7 hours per month used flexibly (Job share considered) Based on NHS Band 5 pay scale. Applicants from any nursing background are welcomed but must be willing to undertake the Parish Nursing Ministries UK training, and there is a Genuine Occupational Requirement for the applicant to be a practising Christian.

For an application pack and full job description please contact

Mrs Caroline Walshe Email: 7churches.seven@gmail.com Tel: 01223 891443

www.grantavale.org.uk

Closing date for applications 30 September 2022

Interviews mid October

Parish Nurse Training 15 – 17 November 2022

plus 3 further sessions online.

Abington Bag2School

Abington Preschool has organised a clothes and shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for Abington Pre-school.

Getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, gives you 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 make the children more aware 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 Pre-school on **13 October**. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to Abington Primary School and help us have a really good collection.

Flu Clinics 2022

Now that we are all socialising again and there are questions about lower levels of immunity since lockdown, it is really important to get your flu vaccine. The dates of our clinics are as follows:-

- Saturday 24th September – Sawston Medical Practice, CB22 3HU
- Saturday 1st October – Linton Health Centre, CB21 4JS
- Sunday 2nd October – Market Hill Surgery, SG8 9JN
- Saturday 8th October – Shelford Health Centre, CB22 5FY
- Sunday 16th October – Linton Health Centre, CB21 4JS
- Sunday 16th October – Barley Surgery, SG8 8HY
- Friday 21st October – Sawston Medical Practice, CB22 3HU
- Saturday 22nd October – Shelford Health Centre, CB22 5FY

All clinics will run from 8.30am to 4pm.

We will be vaccinating:-

- all children aged 2 to 3 years on 31 August 2022
- people aged 65 years and over (including those becoming 65 by 31 March 2023)
- those patients aged from 6 months to less than 65 years of age in a clinical risk group such as asthma, COPD, chronic heart problems, and diabetes. If you are unsure if you fit into an "at risk" group don't hesitate to ask
- pregnant women (including those women who become pregnant during the influenza season)
- household contacts of immunocompromised individuals, especially those for whom continuing close contact is unavoidable
- those in long stay residential care homes
- those who are carers
- those with a learning disability

The government are also extending the cohort to include those patients 50 years old and over with no underlying health conditions. However, these patients will be vaccinated later in the programme, most likely November time.

The vaccines we are using this year are:

For the 2 to 3 year olds – *Fluenz nasal spray*. This should arrive in time for us to vaccinate in our planned clinics.

For 18 to 64 year olds – *Flucelvax* and *Supemtek*. These are both egg-free and provide a better immune response than the traditional egg-based vaccines used in previous years.

For 65 years old and over – *Fluad* (adjuvanted quadrivalent). This vaccine contains an immunity boost.

We hope that we will be able to give the Covid autumn boosters at the same time as the flu vaccines. We will keep you updated with any developments.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Sandra East, Head of Patient Services
T. 0300 234 5555 Email: sandra.east@nhs.net

County and District Council District and County Councillors' Report August 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 of the development into existing and forthcoming towns – such as Cambourne, Northstowe, Waterbeach New Town etc.

The consultation was an interesting exercise as it was the first opportunity for the land allocations to be officially challenged. This has produced 30 new proposals and 180 resubmissions of already rejected projects. 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>

LHI Bids

The next round of bids for LHI (Local Highway Improvements) will be opening soon for Parish Councils to bid into, the likely date will be September/October time. If you can think of a small highways project that might benefit the village, please do contact your parish council, as it is they who 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 **16 September**. Full information can be found at -

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities-localism/cultivate-cambs-fund>

South Cambridgeshire Markets Toolkit and Directory

As part of SCDC's Business Plan commitment to grow local businesses and economies, the Business Key Projects Team has been working with local traders, communities and businesses to help establish and expand local markets within the district. So far, we have explored how they are run, by whom, and whether they wish to grow. Additionally, we have gauged the mood for the potential setting up of new markets, meeting with groups, village hall users and independent stallholders.

A [Market Toolkit](#) guide now exists for anyone who is considering starting a market in their village and the online [Trader Directory](#) is designed to list the talented marketeers across the district. The goal is to link market organisers with market traders and to help identify additional trading opportunities in the area.

Contact: businesskeyprojects@scambs.gov.uk

Resurfacing

Some of the roads in our area were recently resurfaced, some after many years of persistence by local residents. The larger ones in our area are Chalklands and The Woodlands in Linton.

Update on Ukraine Refugees

The most recent data shows that 594 Ukrainian guests have now arrived in South Cambridgeshire involving 69 parishes. People who are hosts to Ukrainian guests and/or have an interest in SCDC's ongoing work in this area can sign up to the regular community updates by emailing duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk

Looking ahead past the six-month point

Officers recently wrote to hosts asking them to complete a survey indicating whether or not they plan to remain part of the Homes for Ukraine programme past the initial minimum six-month point. The data will help to plan for the next period. Of the responses so far, there is strong indication that many hosts are planning to continue to provide accommodation beyond the initial six-month point and we are grateful for this commitment. We are awaiting confirmation from Government on the next phase of the programme and as soon as we have clarity, we will let everyone know. In the meantime, we are working on how best we can provide support for guests who wish to move to alternative accommodation. Further information can be found within the 'looking ahead' section on our webpage [Information for Homes for Ukraine hosts](#).

Available support for Ukrainian guests

The monthly £350 host payment continues for a period of 12 months.

Grants of up to £300 are offered for events and activities to help reduce social isolation and encourage families to feel involved in their local community and life in Britain.

SCDC's free bike scheme is being expanded and more donations of bicycles are needed. TAG Bikes in Huntingdon is joining OWL bikes and Camtrust in the initiative. The scheme offers to each guest a free, fully refurbished cycle, with helmets, locks and a Bikeability cycle training course, which includes a translator.

Wild Minds invites young people from Ukraine to get involved in the Wild Minds courses which we run at two of the district's country parks. Designed to help improve mental health in young people through outdoor activities, it is supported by a Clinical Psychologist and offers free outdoor activities in small groups in a park setting to make the most of the natural environment.

The information hub for hosts and guests is here: <https://tinyurl.com/23d3brkm>

Contact Information

District Council – John Batchelor – johnbatchelor23@gmail.com

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

Ukrainian Guests in Abington

There are now five households in Abington hosting 11 Ukrainian guests and one household awaiting guests. A new guest arrived in early July, is attending English classes and already has a job. Two guests arrived in August.

There are also 12 households in Abington that provide support to the hosts and guests.

There are potential guests in Ukraine wishing to come to the UK so, are there any households who would like to be hosts?

There is now a local network of support groups which interact via key contacts in Abington, Sawston/Pampisford, Stapleford, Shelford, Whittlesford, Duxford, Hinxton and Ickleton. These villages have 158 guests being hosted by 62 households. Nine more households are expecting 17 guests, A baby is also expected soon. Some of these support groups are arranging English classes and are also arranging activities to aid integration into the community. Contact has also been made with the Saffron Walden and Chesterford support groups. The Abington guests are becoming increasingly confident to travel to different locations as Ukrainian social contacts develop via the cooperating support groups.

It is interesting to note that South Cambridgeshire is the local authority with the highest density of Ukrainian guests. For information see www.scamb.gov.uk/ukraine or by phone on 01954 713070 or duty.communities@scamb.gov.uk

Anton King

Granta Vale Harmony 40 New Voices for Ukraine 'Come and Sing' Course

**Every Thursday for 5 Weeks
at the Abington Institute
Starts 22 September 2022, 7.30 to 10.00pm**

**Reserve your place now
All Welcome, Novice or Experienced**

**Contact Peter Lester 07884 932 215
Peterlester12@gmail.com
A one-off £5 payment on week 2**

Diary for September 2022

Date		Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Thu	1	Abington Walking Group	9.50am	12
Sun	4	Family Fun Day at Abington Cricket Club AALGA BBQ	11.00am	13
			12 noon	12
Mon	12	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Physio Pilates Abington & Hildersham WI	9.30am	11
			2.20pm	11
			7.30pm	13
Tue	13	Art Group Hildersham Parish Council – Village Hall Reading Group – see page 11 for venue Table tennis	10.00am	19
			7.30pm	16
			7.30pm	12
			7.30pm	19
Wed	14	Yoga – course and drop in Line Dancing	9.30am	11
			1.00pm	11
Thu	15	Craft Group Granta Vale Harmony	1.30pm	12
			7.30pm	12
Fri	16	Low Impact Aerobics Pilates	9.30am	11
			10.30am	11
Sat	17	Abington Walking Group	10.00am	12
Mon	19	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Social Cycling - meet at 1 Bourn Bridge Road Physio Pilates Great Abington Parish Council Abington Gardening Club	9.30am	11
			11.00am	12
			2.20pm	11
			7.15pm	16
			7.30pm	12
Tue	20	Art Group Tuesday Club Table Tennis	10.00am	19
			2.00pm	13
			7.30pm	19
Wed	21	Line Dancing	1.00pm	11
Thu	22	Abington Lunch (doors open) Granta Vale Harmony	12.45pm	11
			7.30pm	12
Fri	23	Low Impact Aerobics Pilates Film Night – see poster in Institute for details	9.30am	11
			10.30am	11
			7.00pm	11
Sat	24	World River Day - meet at Millennium Bridge	10.00am	4
Mon	26	Rivercare and litter pickup – meet at bridge/ford Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-school building Little Abington Parish Council	9.30am	
			9.30am	11
			7.30pm	15
Tue	27	Art Group Scrabble Club Table Tennis	10.00am	19
			7.00pm	11
			7.30pm	19
Wed	28	Yoga – course and drop in Line Dancing	9.30am	11
			1.00pm	11
Thu	29	Granta Vale Harmony	7.30pm	12
Fri	30	Low Impact Aerobics Pilates Harvest Supper - see posters for details	9.30am	11
			10.30am	11
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For details of contacts please see inside back cover or articles where indicated.

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

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

Jeremiah's Café in Abington Village Institute

Opening times in September 2022

Thursday lunchtime	11.30am – 1.30pm (1, 8, 15, 29) Lunch 22 nd
Friday	8.45am – 11.00am (2, 9, 16, 23, 30)
Saturday mornings	10.00am – 12 noon (3, 10, 17, 24)

The Abington Lunch will be held on 22 September. The menu is Golden Cottage Pie with seasonal vegetables, followed by Apple crumble and custard.

Wheelie bin dates for September 2022 (Abingtons and Hildersham)

Mon 5 Green/Blue	Mon 12 Black	Mon 19 Green/Blue	Mon 26 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 abingtonannexoffice@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!

abingtonannexoffice@gmail.com or 01223 894 246. All positions at Abington Community out of School Club are subject to enhanced DBS checks and satisfactory references.

Scrabble Club

The next meeting of the Scrabble group will be on Tuesday 27 September at 7pm in the Institute. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month and new members are very welcome.

Sheena Fraser

Film Nights at Abington Institute

Everyone welcome. To receive notification approx. 2 weeks before screening join our mailing list at www.theabingtons.org.uk

Reading Group

13 September	<i>A Town Called Solace</i> Mary Lawson	Sylvia Gilmour
11 October	<i>The Offing</i> Benjamin Myers	Diana Wingfield
11 November	<i>Member's free choice of books for discussion</i>	Valerie Hefford

We will meet at 7.30pm at Sylvia's to discuss *A Town called Solace*. Please confirm attendance to Sylvia and copy me in.

We would welcome new members. If interested, please email me: vhefford@yahoo.co.uk.

Abington Walking group

Our last walks were to Sawston/Whittlesford and Ashdon/Steventon End.

Your September strolls are on Thursday 1st and Saturday 17th.

We 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.

For further information please contact:

Robin Harman on 891 730 or robandkayharman@gmail.com

George Woodley on 891 169 or ge29gew@gmail.com



Abington Gardening Club

On Monday 19 September at 7.30pm in the Institute there will be a social evening, courtesy of the committee, preceded by an AGM. All welcome.

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

AALGA Summer BBQ – correct date for your diary

The Allotment Association's annual site barbecue will be held on **Sunday 4 September 2019** from 12 noon – 1.30pm near the Linton Road entrance. Veggie options available. Allotment holders, villagers, families and friends are all welcome. Just turn up on the day.

Social Cycling

Four brave souls beat the heat on 15 August, cycling 17 miles finishing with a lunch at the Plough, Duxford. Well done! The next ride is Monday 19 September at 11am, and meeting at 1 Bourn Bridge Road. Come and join us.

Gaynor Farrant 07817 517 871 or gaynorfarrant198@btinternet.com

Abington Craft Group

The next meeting will be on Thursday 15 September, 1.30-4.30pm at Abington Institute. Having agreed things to make for charities and fundraising we would be pleased to receive any donations of unwanted, unused fabric. Please contact Glynis if items need collection or drop them into us at Craft Group.

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

Our outing to Beth Chatto's Gardens in July was a great success with members of the WI, Gardening Club, partners and friends joining the coach party. We were blessed with warm sunshine to explore the beautiful gardens: it was lovely to enjoy the green lushness and tranquillity of the water garden and reassuring to see the gravel and scree gardens parched like ours at home. We were impressed by the variety and quality of home-grown plants in the nursery and the helpfulness of staff which encouraged many of us to purchase plants for our own gardens.

A lovely afternoon was had at our summer garden party held on Monday 8 August at the Village Institute in order to keep out of the direct sun. A good time was had by all: a delicious tea organised by the committee included strawberries and cream, fruit kebabs and cake - really refreshing. A table quiz on the subject of tea was enjoyed and we all learned things we never knew before.

Next meeting: Monday 12 September 7.30pm "What really goes on in our prisons and why we should care" by Sophie Ellis. New members & visitors welcome

Marilyn Broadhurst

Abington Cricket Club family fun day, Sunday 4 September

11am - 4pm at Abington Cricket Club

To celebrate the end of the cricket season, we have a family fun day planned. The main event will be the infamous single wicket competition (pre-entry only) starting around midday, but the day will begin with a children's cricket game starting at 11am (all welcome).

Lots of other fun things planned throughout the day including a BBQ, pick and mix sweet stall, ice cream van, egg throwing competition, glitter face painting and a lucky number game.

Huge thanks to the Bearded Builders for sponsoring the day and to the Three Tuns for providing the BBQ.

We hope to see lots of you there. For more information and to book please contact Emma Lane at emmatlane@gmail.com / 07803 543 992

Abington Bowls Club

When you read this report the bowls season will be over. But at the time of going to press we have two games left to play, and our performance in them could well determine whether or not the season is rewarded with promotion. Thus far, we have a record of **Played 18 Won 14 Tied 1 Lost 3**. So, we can count this as a successful season, irrespective of the final two results.

We have recovered from a mid-season blip, which saw us go down to 2 heavy defeats, and are currently on a roll of 4 successive victories. 2 more wins would give us our best run of the season, although because we have been penalised by the League for postponing 2 matches due to Covid, we may still miss out on promotion. All will be revealed in the October edition of the *News*, but if you want to find out sooner, go to the Abington Community Village Group Facebook site.

Graham Ross

The Tuesday Club

September Our meeting this month will be on 20 September at 2pm.

Sally Simmons will be presenting us with an interesting art quiz.

New and old members will be welcome as always.

Please contact me for further details.

Jenny Milns (890252).

Jennifer Hirsh - Died Sunday 14 August 2022

It is with great sadness that we have lost one of the founding members of the Abington History Group and a key member of the Abington Community - Jennifer Hirsh.

Jennifer was both a formidable and incredibly knowledgeable person involved in a very wide range of activities that had a major impact on both Little and Great Abington.

Jennifer was chairman of Little Abington Parish Council for over 20 years and retired in 2006, after helping the council secure "Quality Parish Council" status.

Her ability to organise and raise funds for village projects was inspiring, motivating groups of people to plan and drive projects through to completion.

Examples of this include:

- ❑ The Millennium Bridge across the river joining Little and Great Abington supported by TWI
- ❑ Refurbishment of the Village Institute
- ❑ Supporting the visit of 25 teenagers from Chernobyl as guests of the scout movement
- ❑ Planting of trees and recorder for Abington Naturewatch
- ❑ Restoration of the ford across the river and the village sign in the middle of the bridge
- ❑ Representations at the enquiries for the planned '*Out of Town Shopping Centre*' at Fourwentways and dualling of the A11

As a founder member of the Abington History Group many of the projects were instigated, published, and shared with the local community through Jennifer's efforts including:

- ❑ Documenting the Parish Records and establishing a substantial image and map library
- ❑ Oral histories from elderly residents
- ❑ The Land Settlement Association and people in Abington 1936 to 1983
- ❑ World War II Memories of Abington and Abington People
- ❑ Village Trails describing many of the historic cottages in Abington.
- ❑ A booklet on the early 16th century cottage that was the Abington Pottery
- ❑ The 1603 John Norden map of Little Abington - for which Jennifer organised a fund-raising campaign enabling Cambridgeshire Archives to purchase this and four other maps at Sotheby's in May 2003
- ❑ A series of publications on Aspects of Abington History including an award-winning book covering changes over a 30-year period up to the sale of the Abington Hall estate in 1930.

Jennifer was awarded the British Association for Local History (BALH) Personal Achievement Award in 2021 for twenty years of devoted effort researching, documenting, and sharing the history of the villages of Great and Little Abington.

Many projects in the village would not have been achieved or even started had it not been for Jennifer's knowledge of the area, dedication, and persistence.

Jennifer will be greatly missed not only by the history group, but also by many Abington people and the village organisations in which she played a major role.

Barry Brooks
Chairman - Abington History Group

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.

Little Abington Parish Council

Public art on Granta Park

Granta Park is looking for residents of the village to join a steering group to commission a piece of public art on the site. Members of the steering group will contribute to the artist's brief and be part of the selection process. If you are interested, please email the clerk or the chair.

Census 2021

The findings of the 2021 Census are now published: www.ons.gov.uk/census. An interesting local statistic is population growth in South Cambridgeshire – it has increased by 8.9%, from around 148,800 in 2011 to 162,000 in 2021. This is higher than the overall increase for England (6.6%), where the population grew by nearly 3.5 million to 56,489,800.

Breastfeeding campaign

The #FreeToFeedCP breastfeeding campaign was recently launched in the area, encouraging those who breastfeed to feel confident and relaxed in public spaces. The initiative encourages businesses and community venues to pledge their support by signing up to become a '#FreeToFeedCP' location and displaying the sticker in their premises. To get started, a breastfeeding survey has been created to share thoughts and experiences:

www.bit.ly/freetofeedcp-survey

Speeding signs

We are discussing the possibility of installing movable speed signs round the village. These are the ones we now commonly see through villages (smaller than the ones on Cambridge Road and moved from one location to another).

Meeting on Monday 25 July

District councillor John Batchelor reassured us that the proposal for a housing development on Grange Farm land (near Fourwentways) is not going to be adopted as all development in this area is to be located north of Cambridge in Cambourne, Northstowe, Waterbeach etc.

Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Held in Abington Institute

Next Meeting: Monday 26 September 2022, Parish Council at 7.30pm

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

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

Next meetings

Monday 26 September, Monday 28 November

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/.

Duxford Saturday Music Workshop holds group tuition sessions, where adults and children from 'Year Five' onwards can learn to play an instrument. Even if you don't have an instrument of your own, don't panic – we have instruments for rental on very reasonable terms to help you.

Registration for the new 2022/23 Workshop year is on Saturday 17 September, from 10–11.30am at Duxford School, St. John's Street, Duxford, and term begins at 9.30am on Saturday 24 September. For more information, please see the Workshop website at: <http://duxfordsaturdayworkshop.org.uk> *Peter Howarth, Duxford Workshop Management Team*

Trees and Hedges

September is a good time to make sure that your hedges and trees are cut well back from the road and footways. It is also worth noting that if a tree on your land damages the road or footway with its roots then you are liable for the cost of repairs which could be considerable.

Parish Council - applications received

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

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)



Abington Running Festival – Sunday 2 October 2022

We are preparing for the 2022 Abington 10k, 5k and Fun Run. This year's run will take place on Sunday 2 October from 10.30am to 12.30pm. We expect to attract up to 500 runners, including many returning competitors.

I would like to notify you of the race and road closure for the 10k course. Pampisford Road (from Granta Park to the High Street) and Cutting Road will be closed to traffic from 10.00am until the last runners pass by. This is normally around 12.15pm. Marshals will be present at the closure positions to assist and direct traffic and runners and Diversions will be in place.

Our event is licensed through UK Athletics (License number 2022-pending) and as such we must abide by their Health and Safety directives. We will endeavour to keep any inconvenience to you to a minimum.

Please contact me if you have any queries or would like to volunteer to help us on the day. See our website <http://www.abington10k.com> for further details and updates.

Thank you for the understanding and support you show for this valuable village event, which is organised on behalf of Great Abington Primary School PTFA.

Mark Carter, Race Director
Abington 10K and Fun Run Race Committee
Email: mark.carter@greatabington.school Phone: 0776868472

Hildersham News

Tea Party held on Sunday 24 July 2022

Hildersham church hosted another delightful tea party with tables set out in the shade of the lime trees on a very warm and sunny day.

Cream teas and lemon drizzle cake were extremely popular and the brownies disappeared on the plates of the younger attendees.

The scavenger hunt was a huge success with both young and young at heart who were all extremely delighted to choose their medals on completion made by the Children's Church Council at their final meeting before the summer break. See photos below.

It was wonderful to see the churchyard filled with happy people. Keep reading the News for confirmation of the date for the next seasonal tea party.



Emmaus Collection

Emmaus Cambridge is a charity that offers a home, work, and personal support to a community of formerly homeless people. Our companions all work in the shop in Landbeach where they sell donated furniture, clothing, homeware and more.

We will be having our usual autumn collection for Emmaus so if you are tidying your garage or loft please remember that many items, including electrical goods, can be recycled by Emmaus. We offer you an opportunity to bring them to Hildersham Village Hall from where they will be collected by Emmaus. Please bring donations for Emmaus to the Village Hall between 6 and 7.30pm on Monday 3 October.

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

The Balsham Singers: Rehearsals restart 15 September

Rehearsals will restart after the summer holidays on the 15 September. We rehearse once a week on a Thursday evening from 7.30 – 9.30 pm and our rehearsals take place in the Pavilion near the Balsham Church, at the very end of the parking space in front of the church (The Church of the Holy Trinity, CB21 4DS).

We are a friendly bunch and have a lot of fun. New members are always very welcome to join us: no audition is required, and the ability to read music is not essential, although useful. We sing a wide range of music, from sacred works and classical anthems, to more contemporary works and musical theatre medleys. Please contact balsham_singers@hotmail.co.uk for more information. A Christmas concert is planned for the 17 December 2022.

Girlguiding Linton District

What an amazing group of volunteers and girls we have here in Linton District. Our Horseheath Brownies had fun fitting 11 Brownies into a ridge tent after putting it up. Whilst our Linton Brownies visited the Sedgewick Museum, having fun with all things rock. During the summer holidays we shut down as our girls are away but this is when we do our camping trips. This year was very special. It was our first East meets West Camp. All the Guides and Rangers of both counties Cambridgeshire East and Cambridgeshire West joined together in a giant camp at our Girlguiding Anglia activity Centre at Hautbois in Norfolk. Rainbows and Trefoil Guild members from both counties also went for a day visit. The camp was held for a week and our girls from Linton District slept in shepherds huts there.



Then they got up to all sorts. Campfires, scrapbooking, blindfold activity trails, paddle boarding, rock climbing, high ropes and many other things too numerous to mention. The sun shone and everyone had a great time. There was much fun and many challenges were undertaken. Not least the organising, setting up, cooking and running an event like this for so many girls from all over Cambridgeshire. Our leaders are incredible and go above and beyond to give our girls the adventure of a lifetime, meeting friends and people from all around the globe and locally at the same time. Go girls and go Girlguiding, come and join in the fun in Linton District.



Today, Tomorrow, Together. Rainbows 5-7yrs, Brownies 7-10yrs, Guides 10-14yrs, Rangers 14-18yrs, Inspire 18-26yrs and Trefoil Guild 18+

Louisa 07711614328 www.girlguiding.org.uk/getinvolved @lintondistrict

September Services (not Abingtons and Hildersham :11.45 Online Fellowship available for all)

DATE	9.00 am	10.30 am	pm
4 th September		Communion <i>Balsham</i>	
11 th September	Communion <i>Weston Colville</i> Morning Worship <i>West Wickham</i> 9.30am	Communion <i>Balsham</i>	
18 th September	Communion <i>West Wrating</i> Morning Worship <i>West Wickham</i> 9.30am	Morning Worship <i>Balsham</i>	
25 th September	Communion <i>West Wickham</i>	Harvest Songs of Praise <i>Balsham</i> <i>Weston Colville</i>	Harvest Songs of Praise <i>West Wrating</i> 3.00pm

Church Services for September 2022

DATE	Gt. Abington 	Lt. Abington 	Hildersham 	Readings
4 th September	10.30am United Service at Balsham			Jeremiah 18.1-11 Luke 14.25-43
		6.00pm Evensong		
11 th September	10.30am Communion			Jeremiah 4.11-12,22-28 Luke 15.1-10
18 th September			6.00pm Evensong	Jeremiah 8.18-9.1 Luke 16.1-13
25 th September Harvest	10.30am Harvest Songs of Praise		10.30am Harvest Songs of Praise	Deuteronomy 26.1-11 John 6.25-35

Church Flower Rota

	Gt. Abington	Lt. Abington	Hildersham
4 th September	Patsy Randall	Sue Fordham and Mary Miles	Kate Huntsman
11 th September	Patsy Randall	Sue Fordham and Mary Miles	Lizzie Griggs
18 th September	Lizzie Menzies	Kay Harman and June Waring	Lizzie Griggs
25 th September	Lizzie Menzies	Kay Harman and June Waring	Harvest – All help please

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 available.	07498 994205
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