



**South  
Cambridgeshire**  
District Council

# **Parish Council-led Proposals in Great and Little Abington**

## **Evidence Base**

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## COMMITTEE for ABINGTON HOUSING

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at The Institute

		<b>Actions</b>
	<p><b>Present –</b> Three members of the initial Abington Housing Group set up by the Parish Councils were present. Bernie Talbot and Pennie Zimmern (Gt Abington PC) John Ellis (Lt Abington PC) plus 12 parishioners</p>	
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Apologies –</b> Dave Percival</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Chair –</b> Bernie Talbot was elected to chair the meeting.</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Aims of the group –</b> The aims of the group were provisionally agreed as follows:</p> <p>‘To fulfill the housing needs and improve amenities for The Abingtons whilst not affecting the overall character of the village. The housing needs as identified in the 2011 Housing Survey, and amenities identified in the updated village plan, including access to superfast broadband and the provision of a Community Orchard.’</p> <p>It was confirmed that this covered the whole of both parishes, including the former Land Settlement Association area, and not just the area within the formal village structure.</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Housing survey –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The housing survey carried out in 2011 by the Parish Councils was aimed at identifying the future needs of villages.</li> <li>• From the replies received it was shown that ten affordable houses and ten houses for older people to downsize to were needed. In addition to this the growth of Granta Park was creating more employment and therefore more housing need.</li> <li>• It was recognised that if these needs could not be met within the village framework it would be necessary to identify suitable plots for small developments close to the edge therefore allowing reasonable growth of the community.</li> </ul>	
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Broadening the group –</b> An invitation to all interested parties who wished to help guide the process to join the group was issued. Julia Allen, Alan Parish and Barbara Batom (in her absence) said they wished to join the group.</p>	

6.	<p><b>Possible development sites –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A number of sites had been put forward to South Cambs District Council as a result of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) process. There were 3 sites in Gt Abington and 5 sites in Lt Abington.</li> <li>• Most of the submissions to the SHLAA were for major developments. It was noted that although all these sites had been rejected in the SHLAA process they may prove to be suitable for much smaller scale developments.</li> <li>• One of the sites, Bancroft Farm Lt Abington was noted as a place where a small development might be accommodated</li> <li>• It was also noted that some further limited development on the former Land Settlement should be possible.</li> <li>• It was noted that land on Linton Road opposite the allotments was worth consideration as was the area behind the Magna Close bus shelter on the High Street.</li> </ul>	
7.	<p><b>Actions and timelines –</b></p> <p>The next phase of consultation by South Cambs District Council on the Local Plan was scheduled to take place in June 2013. It was agreed that the group needed to have finalised its submission by that date in order to influence future developments in The Abingtons.</p>	<b>Group</b>
8.	<p><b>Future meetings –</b></p> <p>Bernie Talbot agreed to arrange a meeting of the expanded group within a month.</p>	<b>BT</b>

## COMMITTEE for ABINGTON HOUSING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at The Institute

		<b>Actions</b>
	<b>Present –</b> Bernie Talbot, Pennie Zimmern, John Ellis, Julia Allen, Alan Parish and Barbara Batom	
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies –</b> No apologies were received.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Chair –</b> Bernie Talbot was elected as chair of the committee.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Membership of the group –</b> It was noted that the opportunity for others to join the committee would remain open and would be mentioned in Village News reports.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Response from SCDC –</b> Bernie had received an email response from Caroline Hunt at SCDC. It was agreed that Bernie would reply clarifying the process and timescale the committee was working to.	<b>BT</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Possible development sites –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A number of possible development sites were discussed. It was agreed to concentrate on only three in the first instance as these were considered to be the ones that were most viable.</li> <li>• It was noted that the needs identified by the Housing Survey were 10 affordable and 10 downsize type properties. The meeting agreed that it was also necessary to allow some market housing to be built in order to ensure that schemes were viable.</li> <li>• Julia agreed to do some research with Homelink re waiting lists.</li> <li>• Lifetime Home Standards are available. Julia agreed to circulate</li> <li>• The Flaxfields extra care facility at Linton was discussed</li> </ul>	<b>JA</b> <b>JA</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Next steps –</b> An action plan was agreed that would move the committee forward to meet its aims (see attached).	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Future meetings –</b> The next meeting was fixed for Monday November 26 <sup>th</sup> at 6.30 in the Terrace Room at the Institute.	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Close of meeting –</b> The meeting closed at 8.30	

## COMMITTEE for ABINGTON HOUSING

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at The Institute

		<b>Actions</b>
	<b>Present –</b> Bernie Talbot, Pennie Zimmern, Julia Allen, Alan Parish and Barbara Batom	
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies –</b> Apologies were received from John Ellis	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes –</b> the minutes of the meeting held on 25 <sup>th</sup> October were agreed with some minor amendments. Bernie agreed to circulate a new draft.	<b>BT</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Whole life standards –</b> Julia had circulated the Lifetime Home Standards link. It was noted that this would prove to be an important document at a later stage in the process.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Homelink information –</b> Julia had requested the information but had not received it. She agreed to chase again as it should prove to be useful.	<b>JA</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Possible development sites –</b> three sites were discussed following the visits carried out on Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bancroft Farm Buildings – it was agreed that all the objections put forward in the SHLAA report against this site could be argued against strongly. The meeting agreed to go ahead with a proposal for 6 large houses</li> <li>• Linton Road - it was agreed that the objections against this site could also be argued against strongly. The proposal for this site was 35 houses being 12 affordable, 12 downsize units and 11 market houses.</li> <li>• High Street – objection could once again be opposed. The proposal for this site was 6 houses being 2 affordable, 2 market bungalows and 2 market houses.</li> </ul> It was noted that these proposals were only provisional and needed to be discussed with the landowners before they could be formally put forward.	<b>BT</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>SCDC –</b> email correspondence with SCDC had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that Bernie would take steps to find out what other villages were taking the same kind of actions.	<b>BT</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Communication with the village –</b> it was agreed that Bernie would continue to give information updates in the Village News.	<b>BT</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Actions –</b> Pennie agreed to draft a detailed response against each of the objections in the SHLAA report on each of the identified sites. Agreed to go ahead with a Saturday morning open session to show people what the proposals are and consult further. Date 26 <sup>th</sup> January 10.00 – 12.00	<b>PZ</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Minute circulation –</b> agreed to include the PCs in the circulation of minutes.	<b>BT</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Future meetings –</b> the next meeting to be held on Jan 10 <sup>th</sup> at 6.30	



## COMMITTEE for ABINGTON HOUSING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at The Institute

		<b>Actions</b>
	<b>Present –</b> Bernie Talbot, Pennie Zimmern, Julia Allen, Alan Parish, Barbara Battom and Peter Brunning	
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies –</b> Apologies were received from John Ellis	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes –</b> the minutes of the meeting held on 26 <sup>th</sup> November were agreed.  It was noted that there had been a discussion about the possible provision of an extra care facility similar to that at Flaxfields, Linton. It was recognised however, that Abington would be unlikely to have sufficient demand for this type of facility and Flaxfield is likely to meet Abingtons needs in the near future.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Involvement of LAPC –</b> Peter reported that Chris Nutt had withdrawn from the committee and John Ellis was currently away. Peter attended to represent LAPC and would ensure that he or another member would attend future meetings if possible.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Minute circulation –</b> it was agreed to circulate the committee's minutes to both Parish Councils to ensure that they are kept informed. Bernie agreed to circulate draft minutes to the committee as soon as possible after the meeting. Committee members agreed to return any observations or comments on them without delay. A final copy will then be circulated more widely.	<b>BT</b>  <b>All</b>  <b>BT</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Homelink information –</b> Julia had been trying to obtain the housing list information but had not received it. The Homelink organisation was reported to be under considerable pressure and was managing the housing waiting list for the whole of Cambridgeshire plus St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath. The total number of people on the list is 25,000. She agreed to chase again for the information on the Abingtons.	<b>JA</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>SCDC –</b> Bernie had continued correspondence with Caroline Hunt at SCDC. He was in the process of clarifying what consultation needed to be carried out on the committee's plans to enable them to be incorporated into the SCDC Local Plan.	<b>BT</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Identified potential development sites –</b> action on the three favoured sites was progressing. Bernie had met with the landowner to clarify the committees ideas for the Linton Road and Bancroft Farm Buildings sites and had received the go ahead to include them. The High Street site still needed to be discussed with the landowner and Pennie agreed to try to obtain a telephone contact number so that Bernie could get in touch.	<b>BT</b>



8.	<p><b>Communication with the village</b> – Bernie had written updates each month in the Village News. It was noted that caution was needed to ensure that expectations were not raised which may not be deliverable.</p> <p>The information giving and consultation event planned for January 26<sup>th</sup> would be attended by Bernie, Pennie, Julia and Peter.</p> <p>Barbara would produce so large photocopies that could be used.</p> <p>Bernie to produce 6 posters.</p> <p>Pennie to put up the posters.</p> <p>Julia to obtain information about the Homelink social housing waiting list.</p> <p>A brief housing need questionnaire would be produced</p>	<p><b>BT</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>BB</b></p> <p><b>BT</b></p> <p><b>PZ</b></p> <p><b>JA</b></p> <p><b>BT</b></p>
9.	<p><b>Actions</b> – Pennie had written a draft paper giving responses against the reasons for rejection in the SHLAA report on each of the three identified sites. It was noted as an important piece of work that should prove useful later in the process.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Future meetings</b> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information giving and consultation event January 26<sup>th</sup> 10.00 – 12.00</li> <li>• Next meeting to be held on Feb 14<sup>th</sup> at 6.30</li> </ul>	



## COMMITTEE for ABINGTON HOUSING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at The Institute

	<b>Present</b> – Bernie Talbot, Pennie Zimmern, John Ellis, Julia Allen, Alan Parish, Barbara Batom and Bob Chesham	<b>Actions</b>
1.	<b>Apologies</b> – apologies were received from Peter Brunning	
2.	<b>Minutes</b> – the minutes of the meeting held on 10 <sup>th</sup> January were agreed.	
3.	<b>Communication with the village</b> – the Drop in Event on the 26 <sup>th</sup> January had gone very well. It was attended by 48 members of the public plus seven committee members. The meeting discussed the views expressed by those who attended. Bernie agreed to update the spreadsheet and recirculate. It was noted that the information needed to be made anonymous.	<b>BT</b>
4.	<b>Village News entry</b> – a draft entry had been circulated. Peter had proposed an amendment which was agreed and added. Bernie to submit the entry.	<b>BT</b>
5.	<b>Report to PCs</b> – both of the Parish Councils were fully represented. It was agreed that councillors would report back to their own PCs and that when the minutes were circulated by the chair they would be forwarded to all PC members by the respective representatives.	<b>BT/JE</b>
6.	<b>Homelink information</b> – Julia had continued her efforts to obtain the housing list information. She reported that the Homelink organisation was rebuilding their list and a new one should be available in April. It was likely to contain fewer names. Julia agreed to keep the situation under review.	<b>JA</b>
7.	<b>SCDC</b> – support from SCDC had been handed over to David Roberts, a planning officer. He met with Bernie and Pennie on 25 <sup>th</sup> January. They had briefed him and showed him the three sites. He was supportive about the committee's work. Bernie agreed to contact him again and bring him up-to-date with progress and explore his possible attendance at a future meeting.  It was also agreed to ask Peter Miles to attend the next meeting to share his ideas about the Church Lane site.	<b>BT</b>  <b>BT</b>
8.	<b>Potential development sites</b> – Bernie reported on contact with the landowners prior to the January event. There had been no further contact.  Bernie had received a phone call from Renate Tonks about the parcel of land to the rear of 104 High Street, Great Abington (SHLAA 293). She had been in discussion with SCDC about possible development on that land with access from the High Street. The meeting decided not to pursue this further.	
9.	<b>Actions</b> – agreed that all committee members would come to the next meeting with ideas and/or sketches of possible schemes for the three plots.	<b>All</b>
10.	<b>Future meetings</b> – the next meeting to be held on March 28 <sup>th</sup> at 6.30	



## COMMITTEE for ABINGTON HOUSING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at The Institute

	<b>Present –</b> Bob Chesham, Bernie Talbot, Alan Parish, Barbara Battom, Keith Stringer, Cedric Fentiman, John Ellis, Peter Miles, Julia Allen and Pennie Zimmern	<b>Actions</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies –</b> Apologies were received from Peter Brunning.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes –</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 14 <sup>th</sup> February were agreed.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Communication with the village –</b> Bernie had been contacted by Keith Stringer, neighbour of the Linton Road site and had met with Keith and Cedric who also lives on Linton Road. They had been brought up to date with the work of the committee.  There had been no other significant communication other than the entry in the March village news. An entry had not been submitted for the April edition.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Village News entry –</b> Bernie agreed to draft an entry for the next village news (May) and circulate for comment before submission. The entry would include information on what we were trying to achieve on the sites and explain the limitations of the committee's influence. It would also encourage people to let us know their housing needs.	<b>BT</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Reports to PCs –</b> Both Parish Councils were represented. It was reported that both PCs were happy with the progress of the committee and with the direction of travel.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>SCDC –</b> David Roberts from SCDC planning department had planned to attend the meeting but was unable to be present due to work commitments. He intended to attend the next meeting. Bernie agreed to bring him up to date with progress and inform him of the next meeting date.  It was noted that a group of affordable houses were being built on a site outside the village framework in Babraham. Bernie agreed to make contact to see if there was anything the committee could learn from that initiative.	<b>BT</b>  <b>BT</b>

<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Favoured potential development sites –</b> There was a discussion on each of the sites.</p> <p>a) Peter Miles had attended to share his thoughts on what might be possible on the Church Lane site. He felt that downsizing accommodation could be created from the existing building without changing the appearance of the site too much.</p> <p>b) The committee felt that the High Street/Pampisford Road site should have houses fronting onto the two roads. It was noted that houses would often have two cars and this would need to be factored in to avoid danger to children.</p> <p>c) The Linton Road site was discussed. Cedric had concerns that the development might open up the whole field to development and that it would change the approach to the village. Keith also had some concerns. Committee members assured them that strenuous efforts would be made to reduce the chance of this being allowed to happen. The committee would make maximum effort to achieve a sensitive and attractive development with a mix of housing types. It would also look at the possibility of houses fronting onto pedestrian areas rather than onto the roads to make it safer for children.</p> <p>d) It was noted that although the committee felt strongly about what it wanted to see built and about preserving the nature of the village it's influence was limited. Members recognised that final decisions would be made by developers and SCDC but it was hoped that the committee's views would have some influence. Despite this, committee members felt that it was important to try to exert as much influence as possible.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Actions –</b> Bernie agreed to contact David Roberts about attending the next meeting.</p>	<p><b>BT</b></p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Future meetings –</b> The next meeting would be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 at the Institute.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>



## COMMITTEE for ABINGTON HOUSING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at The Institute

	<b>Present –</b> Bob Chesham, Bernie Talbot, Alan Parish, Barbara Battom, Keith Stringer, John Ellis, Pennie Zimmern and David Roberts (SCDC)	<b>Actions</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies –</b> Apologies were received from Julia Allen.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes –</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 28 <sup>th</sup> March were agreed.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Progress to date –</b> An update was given on progress made by the committee and actions to date.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>SCDC –</b> a) David Roberts, SCDC Principal Planning Policy Officer briefed the meeting on progress with the Local Plan that was in the process of being developed by SCDC and how this would impact on the work being done by the committee.  b) SCDC plans to meet its housing needs by developing major new settlement at sites like Northstowe and Waterbeach. There will also be some development at larger villages like Sawston and Linton. There are no plans for development in group villages which is the category that Abington falls into.  c) The message to the committee was clearly that it would be an uphill struggle to achieve consent for any development outside the village framework,  d) Village frameworks are likely to remain in place in the new Local Plan. This would impact on both the Linton Road and High Street/Pampisford Road sites. The only options would therefore be to develop them as exception sites or get the village framework redrawn to include them.  e) Bancroft Farm is within the village framework and is therefore not limited in the same way but it is within the conservation area. It was suggested that a mews type development utilising some of the existing building might be the option most likely to be acceptable on this site.  f) The situation had changed in respect of funding for Housing Surveys and the committee was encouraged to apply for funding from SCDC to allow one to be carried out by Cambridgeshire ACRE. If the survey proved housing need then SCDC would appoint a registered provider to deliver	<b>BT</b>

	<p>the housing.</p> <p>g) The ‘Housing of exceptional quality’ policy was mentioned but this was not thought to be an avenue that would produce housing to meet the need.</p> <p>h) It was agreed that the committee needed to push as hard as possible to ensure the agreed aims were met. It was felt that the best option was by seeking to get the village framework redrawn.</p> <p>i) Bernie agreed to make contact with Granta Park and TWI to seek their support for f) above.</p> <p>j) Bernie agreed to make contact with Tony Orgee to update him and seek his support for f) above.</p>	<p><b>BT</b></p> <p><b>BT</b></p> <p><b>BT</b></p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Selected potential development sites –</b> The paper, drafted by Bernie, was discussed and agreed.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Communication with the village –</b> a) An Email received from Cedric Fentiman was discussed and the points it contained were noted. b) No other feedback had been received.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Village News entry –</b> It was agreed that the next entry should contain; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarification on the limited nature of the proposed developments.</li> <li>• Mention the housing needs survey and our housing survey</li> <li>• Seek comments of any kind from villagers</li> <li>• Mention how many dwellings we have and what the % increase would be</li> </ul> <p>Bernie would circulate a draft before the deadline of May 15<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<b>BT</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Actions –</b> There were no actions other than those identified above.	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Future meetings –</b> The next meeting would be held on June 6 <sup>th</sup> at 6.30 at the Institute.	



## COMMITTEE for ABINGTON HOUSING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at The Institute

	<b>Present –</b> Bob Chesham, Bernie Talbot, Keith Stringer, Tony Orgee, Peter Brunning and Julia Allen.  Mark Deas from Cambs ACRE attended the first part of the meeting.	<b>Actions</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies –</b> Apologies were received from John Ellis. Apologies for Alan Parish and Barbara Battom had been sent but the message was not seen until after the meeting. Pennie Zimmern had also sent her apologies but these had been overlooked.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes –</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 25 <sup>th</sup> April were agreed.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Housing survey –</b> Mark Deas explained his role in working with SCDC and other councils to carry out housing surveys. These are usually to inform the development of exception sites for affordable housing in rural communities. An alternative is to create a Neighbourhood Plan but these are complicated, time consuming and costly.  It was agreed that Mark would make contact with Ali Uzma at SCDC to request the go ahead for a survey in the Abingtons. It is not anticipated that there would be any cost to the Parish Councils for the survey.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>SCDC local plan –</b> The next draft of the Local Plan will be agreed by the SCDC portfolio holder on 11 <sup>th</sup> June prior to the next round of consultation. It is likely that Village Frameworks will remain in place in the new draft.  As both the Linton Road and High Street/Pampisford Road sites are outside the current Village Framework they would be limited to affordable housing only with the possible inclusion of a very small proportion of market housing. This would not then meet the identified needs of the village.  It was felt that the best option was to seek to get the village framework redrawn to include the sites. Bernie agreed to draft and circulate a letter to SCDC urgently so that it could be finalised and with the portfolio holder by the meeting on 11 <sup>th</sup> June.	<b>BT</b>

5.	<p><b>Communication with the village –</b></p> <p>a) A letter had been received from Paul Coburn of 157 High Street Gt Abington. He was unhappy about the possible development near his home. It was agreed that Bernie would respond to the letter.</p> <p>b) A phone call had been received from an Abington family who were currently living in Balsham and were very keen to move back to Abington. They were already on the housing register.</p> <p>c) No other feedback had been received.</p>	<b>BT</b>
6.	<p><b>Village News entry –</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the next entry should contain;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information about the housing survey</li> <li>• Mention the housing register</li> <li>• Seek comments of any kind from villagers</li> </ul> <p>Bernie would circulate a draft before the deadline of June 15<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<b>BT</b>
7.	<p><b>Actions –</b></p> <p>It was agreed to consider including a map or plan showing the sites in a future Village News as this would be more likely to get people's attention and further raise awareness.</p>	<b>All</b>
8.	<p><b>Future meetings –</b></p> <p>The next meeting would be held on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 at the Institute.</p>	





## COMMITTEE for ABINGTON HOUSING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at The Institute

	<b>Present</b> – Bernie Talbot, Keith Stringer, John Ellis, Barbara Battom, Alan Parish and Tony Orgee.	<b>Actions</b>
1.	<b>Apologies</b> – Apologies were received from Bob Chesham and Julia Allen.	
2.	<b>Minutes</b> – The minutes of the meeting held on 6 <sup>th</sup> June were agreed.	
3.	<b>Housing survey</b> – Mark Deas had reported that SCDC had declined to fund a new housing survey as the proposal is for a mixed development and funding is only available for rural exception sites restricted to affordable housing only. It was agreed not to proceed further with the idea of a new survey until all options via the SCDC Local Plan had been fully explored.	
4.	<p><b>SCDC local plan</b> – The draft Local Plan prepared by SCDC was due to be released for the next round of consultation on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Tony Orgee had an advance copy and explained the impact on the work of the committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is proposed that the policy of Village Frameworks will remain in place.</li> <li>• The email sent to the officers and members requesting an alteration to the Gt Abington framework had not been replied to. Bernie agreed to chase up a response.</li> <li>• It was agreed that the committee would put together a forceful response to the document before the end of the consultation period.</li> <li>• It was agreed that a link with a housing association should be formed if possible.</li> </ul>	<p><b>BT</b></p> <p><b>BT</b></p> <p><b>BT</b></p>
5.	<b>Communication with the village</b> – A further letter had been received from Mr Coburn and also a letter from Mr and Mrs Dalton plus a phone call from another resident of the High Street. It was agreed to write to these people again giving more information and encouraging them to attend the next meeting.	<b>BT</b>
6.	<b>Village News entry</b> – The content of the next entry was agreed. Bernie agreed to circulate a draft of the following entry before the August 15 <sup>th</sup> deadline for the September edition.	<b>BT</b>
7.	<b>Actions</b> – There were no further actions agreed.	<b>All</b>
8.	<b>Future meetings</b> – The next meeting would be held on September 19 <sup>th</sup> at 6.30 at the Institute.	



## COMMITTEE for ABINGTON HOUSING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at The Institute

	<b>Present</b> – Pennie Zimmern, Bernie Talbot, Keith Stringer, John Ellis, Barbara Batom, Alan Parish, Peter Brunning, Bob Chesham and Julia Allen.	<b>Actions</b>
1.	<b>Apologies</b> – Apologies were received from Tony Orgee	
2.	<b>Minutes</b> – The minutes of the meeting held in July were agreed.	
3.	<b>Communication with the village</b> – Bernie and Pennie had met Mr Coburn and spoken to Mr and Mrs Dalton inviting them to attend. Alan agreed to contact Stretham PC to see how they had managed to proceed with developments in their village. Bernie agreed to circulate the draft village consultation document as soon as it arrives from SCDC.	<b>AP</b> <b>BT</b>
4.	<b>Meeting with SCDC</b> – Bernie and Pennie had been invited to meet representatives of SCDC at Cambourne on 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug. They reported on the outcome of the meeting and the subsequent communications with SCDC. It was agreed that Bernie would arrange for representatives of the committee to meet the two landowners after we had made contact with a housing association. The intention would be to update them and seek assurances on what would be built if the village boundary were moved.	<b>BT</b>
5.	<b>Community Land Trust</b> – The idea of setting up a Community Land Trust had been put forward as a possible option. It was agreed not to proceed with this option until other avenues had been exhausted.	
6.	<b>Link with a housing association</b> – Julia agreed to make contact with a view to establishing a link with a housing association. If a representative was willing to meet the committee a special meeting would be arranged.	<b>JA</b>
7.	<b>SCDC Local Plan</b> – A draft response to the consultation had been circulated a few weeks before the meeting. Bernie agreed to circulate again and make any agreed amendments to the final wording before submission by the end of September.	<b>BT</b>
8.	<b>Village News entry</b> – The content of the next entry was agreed with the addition of a section about the planned consultation with SCDC support via the news.	<b>BT</b>
9.	<b>Actions</b> – There were no further actions agreed.	
10.	<b>Future meetings</b> – The next meeting would be held on 24 <sup>th</sup> October at 6.30 at the Institute.	



# The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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*Photo by Valerie Silvey*

**First cricket match of the season  
Abington, 20 April 2013**

## Letter from the Editor

The first cricket match of the season was played at Abington in glorious sunshine (see long distance photo on cover). Efforts are being made to enhance the cricket ground and help is sought to do this (page 17). An abundance of blossom provides hope that spring has actually arrived, but gardeners are now finding plants that did not survive the harsh winter.

Oil prices are falling, and it can still be very chilly, so it is timely that Tara will place another community fuel order in May. See page 15 for details.

Julie, our vicar, responsible for a daunting seven churches, with an active programme, is unwell and taking a break. We wish her well. Meanwhile it is good to welcome Canon John Fellows who has written 'From the Vicarage' (page 4).

Many people in our villages will remember Colin and Judy Franklin and the considerable inputs they made to the community. So it is appropriate that there will be a special service at Hildersham church on 12 May at which to dedicate a sculpture in their memory (see page 8).

The Committee for Abington Housing has made proposals for the location of further houses and these should include affordable houses. The waiting list for affordable housing is currently being updated so, if this is relevant for you, please check whether or not you are on it (page 15).

There is serious disquiet about the decision of the Scouts' County Executive Committee to sell the scout camp site in Little Abington. The site was donated to the scout movement and has been used as a camp site and for training for over 80 years. It is not ideal for residential development and the community values it as open space. For further information see the LAPC report on page 14 and also in the April issue of the *News*. If you wish to support a petition to oppose the sale go to [www.ipetitions.com/petition/save-abington-scout-campsite](http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/save-abington-scout-campsite).

If you are interested in having gas available in the villages please let LAPC know without delay. If you could join the group of first responders and help in a medical emergency please contact Gaynor Farrant (see pages 14, 6).

There are two Bank Holidays in May, with associated Tuesday collection of bins. The following pages list plenty of entertaining things to do throughout the month.

Valerie Silvey

**Reminder: Election Day Thursday 2 May 2013**

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## From West Wrating Vicarage

Rev Prof Sir Diarmaid Ninian John MacCulloch, [Kt](#), [FBA](#), [FSA](#), [FRHistS](#), Professor of the History of the Church in the [University of Oxford](#) (crazy name, crazy guy as Private Eye's Glenda Slagg might have put it) is in fact far from the pillar of Establishment orthodoxy that his name suggests. He has just produced a book called *Silence: A Christian History*. What makes it especially interesting is that, like football, it is a game of two halves.

On the one hand there is the honourable history of Christian silence, taking its cue from Jesus' own seeking of silence many times in the gospels, when as the hymn puts it *Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity*. Silent prayer, meditation and contemplation have a long and cherished place in the story of Christian spirituality.

There is also what we call the apophatic ( a word my spell checker can't cope with) tradition: that God is in fact unknowable, and the only language we can use about him is saying nothing or saying what he is not. And sometimes Christianity can seem to deserve EM Forster's dismissive 'poor little talkative Christianity', especially when, celebrating the Word made flesh, we manage to turn Him back into word again. Sometimes our liturgies can seem very wordy, using a lot of words to say not very much.

That is why I was so pleased to learn when I came here of the existence of the Julian Group, a small monthly meeting, lasting about an hour, looking at the writings of the Lady Julian of Norwich, and having at least half an hour of silent prayer. I do commend this group to you. Julian's day is Wednesday 8 May, and we shall be meeting at the West Wrating Vicarage at 7pm that night. Silent prayer is not for everyone, but it might be for you. Think about it and certainly ask Stephen Wheeler or Kathy Bishop or even me about it.

But the second half of the book deals by contrast with the dishonourable silence of the Church. How, for example, it has quite clearly covered over the role of women in the Early Church. How it turned a blind eye to so much that was wrong in society and indeed the church itself. The child abuse scandal still engulfing the Roman church, though the Church of England is not immune, is a very topical example. One of the tasks of the Church is to give a voice to the voiceless and you cannot read the Gospels without being aware that Jesus had a special regard for the poor. They had a special place in his sympathies and a regard for the poor remains a mark of his disciples. The poor have no voice. It is up to Christians to give them one

So I was a little disappointed when I came here to discover that Christian Aid Week (this year 12 -18 May) didn't loom as large in church life as it certainly had in my last parish. Of course Christian Aid is not perfect, but on balance I really believe it to be a major force for Christian good in the world. Also I am bound to say that in my experience people who have money will always come up with reasons why they shouldn't give it away. But that's not the gospel.

So come on, everyone. Be generous and let's make it a bumper year for Christian Aid in our seven churches!

Canon John Fellows

## From the Registers

### Baptism

Billy Mo Whittaker, son of Maurice and Tasha Whittaker, was baptised in Great Abington Church on Sunday 14 April. We welcome him into the family of the church.



## News from the Pews

Ascension Day on Thursday 9 May marks the last appearance of Jesus to the disciples, followed 10 days later by Pentecost (Whit Sunday) on Sunday 19 May. Pentecost Sunday marks the end of the Easter season in the Christian calendar, and celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles.

### See back page for all church services and times

**Rainbows** will take place as usual in the school hall directly after school on Friday 3 May until 4.30pm. Rosemary extends a warm welcome to all children who wish to join her on this day.

**A Special Service** for the Parish Nurse will take place in Balsham church on Sunday 5 May. Sue Evans will talk on the work of a Parish Nurse.

**An Ecumenical Service** will take place on Sunday 12 May to support Christian Aid.

**A Joint PCC Meeting** of the seven parishes will take place in Balsham Church on Thursday 23 May at 7.30pm.

**The Charity for the Month** is Christian Aid, which is an international development charity. The charity works with all faiths and none, in and around 50 countries to eradicate poverty. There will be a house-to-house collection during May. If possible, please be generous with your gift. Ask not what the world can do for .....

Anne Hall

## United Reformed Church, Little Abington

If you are visiting or new to the area please drop by and visit us. You will be sure of a warm welcome. We are a small but friendly group who meet on Sunday for worship and midweek for Bible study - while having concerns for others, for example by adding to the Abingtons' main collection for the Foodbank scheme.

If you would like to learn more about our faith in Jesus please call in or ring Lynne Riecansky (893 295).

The services in May are as follows:

5 May	10.15am	Mr Derryck Potts
12 May	10.15am	Mr Chris Kemshell
19 May	2.30pm	Revd Bruce Waldron (Holy Communion)
26 May	10.15am`	Mrs Maureen Kendall

**Haverhill Foodbank – email [info@reachhaverhill.org.uk](mailto:info@reachhaverhill.org.uk) tel 01440 712 950**

Please donate food at Abington Institute and our village churches.

## Farmers' Market at Linton Village College

Saturday 4 May 9am to 12.30pm

# **Great Abington Parish Council – An Active Council**

## **Parish Council Matters**

### **Village Outing**

Following the successful village trip last summer, we plan to run another coach trip to Hunstanton on 27 July. Further details will be available when arranged with the coach owners. In the meanwhile you can provisionally reserve a place by contacting Paula Harper, our Parish Clerk on 892 000

### **Pocket Park**

Plans to use this small area of land between the recreation ground and the Church are progressing, with interest being shown by a member of the village volunteering to lead this project, and support from Naturewatch. The current plan is to keep this as a semi-wild area, thus allowing protection to the wildlife of the village, but also for this land to provide an area of peace and contemplation, maybe with some sensory planting. More volunteers are needed for the creation of this village amenity, especially if you have ideas that would suit the present plans. If you are able to help please contact Bernie Talbot on 892 647, or any other Parish Councillor.

### **Repair to Footpaths**

There are many paths and pavements in the village in poor repair. The path between Magna Close and Mortlock Gardens and the pavement between Lewis Crescent and the Pampisford Road will be repaired soon and other areas will be re-surfaced when money is available.

### **Interactive Speed signs on A1307**

The Parish Council agreed to contribute financially to the placing of interactive speed warning signs on the section of the A1307 that joins the village.

### **First Responders for Cardiac Arrest**

So far five people have volunteered for this service, which will provide help before the arrival of a paramedic. The Parish Council will provide equipment and training. Hildersham is also proposing to join this scheme. So, whether you live in Abington or Hildersham, you could become a volunteer – maybe for just a few hours during a month, by contacting Gaynor Farrant on 892 871. Perhaps you could be the person that saves someone's life.

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

This will precede our next regular Parish Council meeting on 20 May. To allow for this we shall start slightly earlier than usual at 7pm. Hearing what is said at this meeting is a good way to get a general overview of what the Parish Council has done in the past year. As usual, time will be allocated in the subsequent Parish Council meeting for members of the public to address the council.

### **Latest Scam Warning**

A firm calling themselves Lochaber Highland estates are distributing leaflets offering to buy jewellery when they call back. This offer was taken up by a resident of a nearby village and in the course of the bargaining, she was robbed of some valuable rings which she did not want to sell. The advice is to avoid having anyone connected with this firm in the house. There is however, a legitimate firm by the same name, but they trade in titles of 'laird' or 'lady' of areas of Scotland.

## **Planning Applications Approved by SCDC.**

S/2535/12FL: 6a Lewis Crescent – First floor extension over carport.

S/0020/13FL: 5 Magna Close – Single storey rear extension.

S/0019/13FL: 58 North Road – New barn, stables and cart shed after demolition of existing buildings.

S/0162/13FL: 8 Chalky Road – conversion and extension of outbuilding to form an annexe.

S/0107/13FL: 10 Chalky Road – Two storey rear extension.

## **Great Abington Parish Council Meetings**

Abington Village Institute

**Planning meetings:** Usually on Mondays, as required, at 6.45pm. See notice board for dates or contact the Parish Clerk.

**Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 20 May at 7pm to be immediately followed by next Parish Council meeting.**

There will be an opportunity for parishioners to raise matters of concern or interest with the council early in the meeting.

Bernie Talbot (Chairman) tel. 892 647

Agenda and minutes posted on GAPC notice board or available from the Parish Clerk.

Sally Smith: news (891 384); Paula Harper (Clerk): harper802@btinternet.com (892 000)

## **Great Abington Primary School PTFA**

- **SUMMER FAIR!!** – Friday 21 June, 5-7.30pm. More details to follow – SAVE THE DATE! If you would like to help, please contact Lizzy Gresham (elizabethgresham@hotmail.com).

- **ABINGTON COMMUNITY ‘UNDER THE SEA’ SUMMER BALL!**

Saturday 6 July 2013 at ‘The Restaurant’, Granta Park. Starting at 7pm with Pimms on the lawn, followed by a 3-course dinner, entertainment, games, auction and dancing to Superphonics! Carriages at Midnight.

Ticket price £55 per person or £50 per person for a table of 8. Tickets available now.

Contact Rachel Waterfield ([rachel@rawcreativeevents.com](mailto:rachel@rawcreativeevents.com) or 07960 247 346).

Don't hesitate. Reserve your tickets now!

## **Great and Little Abington Giant Yard Sale – in aid of Abington Pre-School**

**Saturday 18 May, 10am – 4pm**

There is still time to register your ‘yard’ and have the opportunity to sell all the stuff you have lying around that you don't know what to do with! Just move it all out into your driveway or front garden. All you need to do is pay £5. This contributes towards the marketing cost of this event and secures a mention in the event programme. A map will show your location with an idea of what you are selling e.g. books, furniture, homewares, toys etc.

The Pre-School Committee will be holding a Cake Stall from 10am to 12 noon on the day outside The Institute, where you can also pick up a programme. Hot Dogs and ice-creams will be for sale from 12 noon at 2 Bourn Bridge Road, Little Abington. Map and details of wares for sale will be available Friday 10 May.

Contact: Charlotte Adams ([cmhadams@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cmhadams@yahoo.co.uk) 893 018) or Tasha Whittaker ([dollsline@aol.com](mailto:dollsline@aol.com)).



## Hildersham Focus

***‘Wisdom is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her’*** Proverbs 3:18

There will be a special service at Hildersham church on Sunday 12 May at 10.45am to dedicate a sculpture, ‘The Tree of Life’, designed and made by the Rowan Foundation in memory of Colin and Judy Franklin.

Colin and Judy were central to the communities of both Hildersham and the Abingtons, living in both Hildersham and Great Abington and farming the land bordering the three villages. Colin’s writing, ‘View from Deadman Hill’, often composed while sitting in his tractor, remain a source of inspiration and wisdom. Colin was church warden at Hildersham church for 27 years; both are remembered with lasting affection.

Rowan is a Cambridge City based charity and arts centre that was established in 1985 to bring artists and people with learning disabilities together in the production of fine artwork and crafts. The ‘Tree of Life’ is made of four woods, Cherry, Mahogany, Jarra and Ash, mounted on glass with an etched inscription. It is beautiful and will be a focal point for prayer and reflection in the years to come.

All are welcome at the service.

### **‘It’s Our Turn Now’**

Beat out that rhythm on a steel pan at a **Caribbean Picnic** on Sunday 2 June!

This event celebrates the first stage of the Church Appeal ‘It’s Our Turn Now’ to make Hildersham church fit for the future. This major project will restore the Chancel wall paintings, make essential roof repairs and provide a kitchen within the tower and a lavatory in a new build extension through the north door.

The beautiful and historically significant wall-paintings are damaged. The steel oil tank, situated close to the north and east walls, is partially the culprit by trapping dampness and causing it to penetrate the walls and spoil the paintings. The first step towards their restoration is to replace and re-site a tank away from the building.

**Sawston Steel Band** will help it on its way when they play at a Caribbean Picnic!

Come and join the fun which starts at 1pm. Along with Sawston Steel there will be a Caribbean barbecue, (did you know that barbecues originated in the Caribbean?) limbo dancing, graffiti art, hair-braiding, a hula hoop contest, carnival costumes and craft workshops.

Displays of architectural plans and restoration reports will be on view in the church to provide information.

Tickets for the event, including Caribbean barbecue, drinks and entertainment are available at £10 for adults, £5 for children. Phone Cathy on 892 848 or buy them at the gate. All funds raised at the picnic will support the appeal.

The picnic will close at 4pm with a service of celebration, hopefully held outdoors.

### **Hildersham Village Hall Trust**

The Annual General Meeting of the Hildersham Village Hall Trust will be held at 8pm on Tuesday 14 May in the Village Hall. It is an open meeting and everyone is invited to attend.

Anyone interested in becoming a Trustee can obtain an application form and information pack from the Trust Secretary, Gill Heale: 893 596, [edheale@btinternet.com](mailto:edheale@btinternet.com)

### **The Rolling Supper**

The Hildersham Rolling Supper, famous for its fine dining, will be held on Saturday 13 July with mystery venues for each of the courses of a delicious three course dinner. Tickets are now on sale at £25 each and can be booked by contacting Kate Huntsman on 894 862 or Amanda Palmer on 894 316.

### **Dates for your diary**

The next **Village Lunch** will be on Thursday 11 July - details and tickets from Helen Humphrys (891 309) [h.humphrys@btinternet.com](mailto:h.humphrys@btinternet.com) or Gill Heale (893 596) [edheale@btinternet.com](mailto:edheale@btinternet.com).

### **Hildersham Village Hall**

Hildersham Village Hall is a beautiful venue for childrens' and adult parties in a lovely setting by the side of the River Granta. Childrens' afternoon party rates start at £25 rising to £70 for an evening adult party for local residents. Our new bookings manager, Robin Meikle, on 891 436 (or [villagehall@hildersham.org.uk](mailto:villagehall@hildersham.org.uk)) is waiting to take your call!

### **Emmaus in Hildersham, Tuesday 30 April, 6pm to 8pm**

Remember to bring your unwanted furniture, clothes, books, bric-a-brac to the Village Hall, and enjoy a chat with one of the Emmaus team and a hot drink to keep the spring chill at bay.

### **Hildersham Parish Council A Quality Parish Council**



### **Hildersham Village clean up**

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the litter collection on 6 April. About 12 full bags of rubbish were collected – and a bicycle! It was reported that there seemed to be less rubbish than at the last clean up in 2011. The verges around Hildersham are looking a lot tidier.

**The AGM of Hildersham Parish Council and the Hildersham Parish Meeting will be held consecutively from 7.30pm in the Village Hall, on Tuesday 21 May 2013.**

### **Mobile Library**

Tuesday 21 May 2013, times as follows.

Little Abington	West Field	10.00–10.30am
Great Abington	North Road	10.40–11.10am
	Magna Close	11.20am–12.10pm
	The Shop	12.15–12.35pm
Hildersham Church Green		12.45–1.00pm

## Dates for your Diary

Date		Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Wed	1	Yoga course and drop in	9.30am	11
		Dynamic Dance class	3.15pm	11
		Yoga course and drop in	7.00pm	11
Thu	2	<b>ELECTION DAY</b> Abington Walking Group	7am-10pm 10.00am	17
Fri	3	Low impact Aerobics	9.30am	11
		Pilates	10.45am	11
		Rainbows Group – Pre-School		5
		Walking Group Social event	7.00pm	17
Mon	6	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>		
Tue	7	Art Group	9.30am	
		Spring Teatime – Jeremiah’s Café	2.30pm	12
		Keep Fit	7.00pm	11
Wed	8	FMNC Shopping trip to Morrison’s		16
		Dynamic Dance class	3.15pm	11
Fri	10	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-School building	9.30am	11
		Low impact Aerobics	9.30am	11
		Pilates	10.45am	11
Sat	11	Scrapbooking Group	10.00am	11
Mon	13	Elderly Keep Fit	10.15am	
		French Conversation	1.30pm	
		Abington & Hildersham WI	7.30pm	17
Tue	14	Art Group	9.30am	
		Forget-Me-Not Club	2.00pm	16
		Gardening Club – Talman’s, 49 North Road	6.30pm	16
		Hildersham Village Hall Trust AGM – Village Hall	8.00pm	9
		Keep Fit	7.00pm	
		Reading Group – 21 Cambridge Road	8.00pm	17
Wed	15	Yoga course and drop in	9.30am	11
		Dynamic Dance class	3.15pm	11
		Yoga course and drop in	7.00pm	11
Fri	17	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-School building	9.30am	11
		Low impact Aerobics	9.30am	11
		Pilates	10.45am	11
		Film Night	6.45pm	12
Sat	18	Abington Walking Group	10.00am	17
		Pre-school cake stall	10.00am	7
Mon	20	Elderly Keep Fit	10.15am	
		French Conversation	1.30pm	
		Great Abington Parish Meeting & Parish Council	7.00pm	7
Tue	21	Art Group	9.30am	
		Keep Fit	7.00pm	
		Hildersham Parish Council AGM & Parish Meeting –Village Hall		
			7.30pm	9
Wed	22	Yoga course and drop in	9.30am	11
		Dynamic Dance class	3.15pm	11
		Yoga course and drop in	7.00pm	11

Thu	23	<b>Abington Lunch</b>	12.45pm	16
Fri	24	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b> – Pre-School building	9.30am	11
		<b>Low impact Aerobics</b>	9.30am	11
		<b>Pilates</b>	10.45am	11
Sat	25	<b>Rivercare litter pick up</b>	9.30am	
		<b>WI plant and cake stall</b>	9.30am	12
Mon	27	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>		
Tue	28	<b>Art Group</b>	9.30am	
		<b>Forget-Me-Not Club</b>	2.00pm	16
		<b>Keep Fit</b>	7.00pm	
		<b>Scrabble Club</b>	7.00pm	16
		<b>Little Abington Parish Council</b>	7.15pm	14
Wed	29	<b>Yoga course and drop in</b>	9.30am	11
		<b>Yoga course and drop in</b>	10.45am	11
Thu	30	<b>Flower Workshop</b>	10.00am	12

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

Jennifer Hirsh (tel. 893 352 or email [jennifer@hirsh.demon.co.uk](mailto:jennifer@hirsh.demon.co.uk))

### Jeremiah's Café in Abington Village Institute

#### Opening times in May

Tuesday afternoons	2.30pm to 4.30pm (7, 21)
Thursday lunchtimes	11.30am to 1.30pm (2, 9, 16, 30), Abington Lunch on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>ELECTION DAY 2 May Cafe open 7am to 10pm</b>	
Friday mornings	8.45am to 11.15am (3, 10, 17, 24)
	<i>Knit &amp; Natter 10am to 11.15am</i>
Saturday mornings	10am to 12 noon Every Saturday

### Wheelie bin dates for May 2013

<b>TUE 7</b>	<b>Mon 13</b>	<b>Mon 20</b>	<b>TUE 28</b>	<b>MON 3 Jun</b>
<b>Green/Blue</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Green/Blue</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Green/Blue</b>

**Scrapbooking Group** – We meet one Saturday of every month and welcome you to take a look any time and ask questions.

#### **Dynamic Dance Theatre School – Wednesdays from 3.15pm**

Ballet and modern dance lessons for children from 4 years old at Abington Institute. Contact Esme on 07719 816 548 or [esmewatts@hotmail.com](mailto:esmewatts@hotmail.com) for details.

#### **Yoga - Wednesdays 9.30am and 7pm at Abington Institute**

Contact Joan 890 629 or email [joanyoga@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:joanyoga@yahoo.co.uk)

#### **Abington Pre-School Baby and Toddler Group Fridays 9.30am**

This baby and toddler group for 0 to 3 year olds is held every Friday during term-time from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Pre-School building. Come along for play, chat and refreshments. Contact Louise on 890 237 or email at [louise1108@hotmail.com](mailto:louise1108@hotmail.com)

#### **Low Impact Aerobics – Fridays 9.30-10.30am at Abington Institute**

Suitable for 50+ or those returning to exercise. Aerobics, toning, strengthening and stretching. Exercises to raise your heart rate and tone your body, fun and friendly.

#### **Pilates – Fridays 10.45-11.45am at Abington Institute.**

Pilates exercises will help to alleviate back pain, increase core strength, improve posture and flexibility. Please book for 5 weeks for Low Impact Aerobics and Pilates. Contact Disa Bennett on 729 604 or [disa\\_bennett@hotmail.com](mailto:disa_bennett@hotmail.com)

## **Great Abington Primary School**

Summer Term: 16 April to 23 July

May Day 6 May; Half term: 27 May to 31 May; 3 June, School closed for staff training.

## **Spring Tea at the Abington Institute**

Do come and join us for Afternoon tea on Tuesday 7 May from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. We shall be serving a selection of sandwiches, sausage roll or flapjack, a variety of delicious homemade cakes and pot of tea. Cost £3.50, junior school children £2.00. Please pay at the door. There is no need to book. Just come along and enjoy our Special Spring Tea. Look forward to seeing you.

## **Film Night at Abington Institute**

This month **Film Night** is on **Friday 17 May**. Doors open **6.45pm**, film starts at 7pm. See the poster in the Institute for full details.

Usual raffle and refreshments. All welcome.

If you would like details of this and all future film nights please subscribe to our mailing list using the link at <http://www.theabingtons.org.uk/films/> or email an enquiry to [films@theabingtons.org.uk](mailto:films@theabingtons.org.uk)

This will be the last Film Night for this season; we have a break over the summer months and will be back on 13 September.

Dianne Dawson (893 101)

## **Plant and Cake Stall 9.30–11am Saturday 25 May**

The Women's Institute is holding a stall outside the Abington Institute selling locally grown plants and homemade cakes and bakes in aid of funds. Come and buy quality annuals, perennials, bedding and vegetable plants for your garden at bargain prices and treat yourself or the family to a delicious cake.

## **Flower Workshop**

### **Then & Now: 1953 & 2013**

I will be having another Flower Workshop on Thursday 30 May 2013 at the Abington Institute from 10am to 4pm. The cost for the full day, which includes some materials, lunch, tea and coffee is £20. (Half day possible) Come and make your own flower arrangements and watch a mini demonstration. It should be a fun day and I hope you will get ideas to try at home.

There are a few places remaining. For further information/to book your place contact Freda Orgee on Tel 891 464 or email [fredasflowers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fredasflowers@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Balsham Singers Spring Concert**

### **Saturday 18 May 2013 at 7.30pm, Holy Trinity Church Balsham**

The Balsham Singers concert promises to be another good one. There will be the usual blend of anthems and sacred music, including Vaughan Williams' *Five Mystical Songs* plus three choruses from the musical *Cats*. Buy tickets in advance for £7 from Balsham Post Office. Tickets will also be available on the door priced £8 with concessions at £7 and £20 for a family ticket. For further information phone Valerie on 890 544.

## **Linton Music Society, Saturday 25 May, 7.30pm at Linton Village College**

Come to this concert presented by **Instant Sunshine**. They are more of a cross between Flanders and Swann and the Cirque du Soleil. Variousy described as the cutting edge of comic song or the evening wear window at Moss Bros, **Instant Sunshine** is three dinner-jacketed men of a certain age, singing their own original humorous songs, gently mocking the British way of life. Tickets are available at the door or can be obtained in advance by telephone or in person from Sweet Talk News, 77 High Street, Linton (893 480).

## **Linton Health Centre News**

1 April 2013 – an important date for the NHS: reorganisation on a huge scale with many challenges ahead. Yet, at a local level, be assured that we are still here to provide the best possible medical care for our practice population.

GP Commissioning is at the forefront of the NHS changes. Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) have been formed to manage the NHS budget and, as a practice, we fall within the large Cambridgeshire & Peterborough CCG. The CCG is split into eight Local Commissioning Groups (LCGs) to provide a local perspective to the decision making.

CATCH – Cambridgeshire Association to Commission Health - is the largest LCG with a population of around 220,000 and to which we belong. It has 28 member practices which work together in smaller locality groups on commissioning issues, all feeding their ideas back to CATCH. We work with other rural practices, with similar issues and challenges: Sawston, Comberton, Harston, Bourn, Melbourn and three Royston practices.

The challenges for CCGs in managing the budgets are huge, especially in Cambridgeshire where we are seen as a 'healthy and wealthy' population and therefore the funding has been lower than elsewhere in the country. This filters down to practice level and in the reorganisation a practice like ours is set to lose over £200,000 in annual funding in the coming years. All practices will have to really engage in the commissioning process in order to make best use of the funds available and to maintain the level of service to patients. See the CATCH video at [www.catchcamb.nhs.uk](http://www.catchcamb.nhs.uk) for more information on commissioning.

**The Bartlow Walk – Sunday 5 May:** We very much appreciate the support of the Bartlow Walk and hope this year to purchase a large screen for the waiting room with the funds raised. This will enable us to provide information to patients on both national and local health campaigns, together with information about the practice itself and the services we provide. We also hope to purchase more home BP monitors, more nebulisers for loan to patients and more books for the children's waiting area. Sorry – no toys as this presents further difficulties for us in complying with infection control standards for the Care Quality Commission. Registration with the CQC also came in to force on the 1 April 2013.

## **Sawston Medical Centre**

**Hay fever** Recent studies from the UK show that hay fever affects about a quarter of the population, including adults and, increasingly, children. Many people just put up with the symptoms, or buy simple and ineffective remedies without taking proper advice. But there are effective treatments, which can be individually tailored to suit most people and improve their symptoms. Treatments include new-generation antihistamines, and nasal steroid sprays, nasal saline washes and decongestants.

Hay fever can be due to grass or tree pollen. People with tree pollen hay fever get symptoms in the spring when blossom begins to appear on the trees, and symptoms improve during the summer months. Grass pollen hay fever usually starts in May/June and lasts through to September. Some people are allergic to both tree and grass pollen and have symptoms right through spring and summer. People allergic to pet dander (hair/feathers) or house dust mite can have symptoms all year round.

### **Top tips**

Take your symptoms seriously, you can get help

Talk to a pharmacist who will recommend the best treatments for you

Start your medication in the month before your pollen season begins

Take your treatment regularly throughout the season

Avoid antihistamines that cause sleepiness or sedation

Use the correct technique for nasal sprays (ask one of our pharmacists for help)

## **Around the village**

**Gas:** The clerk had very few expressions of interest in a domestic gas supply.

**The Snicket** (from Bourn Bridge Road to Cambridge Road): In order to improve access to wheeled traffic such as mobility scooters, prams and bicycles, we arranged with the County Council for the probation team to lay 40 tonnes of road planings. Once this had been rolled, it seems to be a useful improvement.

**Green Deal:** This new scheme allows householders to fund energy efficiency measures by means of a loan with repayments, based on the estimated savings, through future electricity bills. The first stage is a survey to identify eligible improvements – two Little Abington houses have been surveyed in a pilot scheme.

**Broadband:** The county has signed a £45 million deal with BT which will mean that 98 per cent of homes and businesses in Cambridgeshire can expect to have access to fibre-based broadband by the end of 2015; details have not yet been announced.

## **Notes from the Parish Council Meeting on 18 March**

**Planning:** *details can be found at <http://plan.scams.gov.uk/S/0413/13/FL>*

**S/0413/13/FL:** 20 High Street. First floor side & rear extension to house and rendering of existing. We made no recommendation but commented that we had concerns that a balcony could overlook adjacent properties and gardens. We have since been notified by SCDC that the balcony has been removed from the plans.

**Scout camp-site:** The Scouts' County Executive Committee is progressing the sale of the site (<http://www.cambridgeshirescouts.org.uk/news/150-abington-camp-site>). However, there is considerable local opposition from scouts and other regular users, mostly in the south of the county. There has also been interest from the press and we have been asked to comment. We agreed it was important that this area of the village should be kept as an open space, and will continue to monitor the situation.

**Highways:** With the help of our County Councillor, Tim Stone, we are continuing to chase the highways team to progress the interactive signs. There are a lot of potholes, some of which have been patched prior to a better repair when the weather is warmer and drier. Highways and street lighting faults can be reported online at <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/reportingafault.htm>.

**Bus shelter on A1307 eastbound:** We will meet with Mr Franklin to discuss options for siting a small shelter close to the bus stop.

**Police:** are helping to set up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in part of the village.

**Vacancy:** We expect to co-opt a new Parish Councillor at our next meeting.

### **Little Abington Parish Council Meetings**

Abington Institute, High Street

**Next Meeting: Annual Meeting of Parish Council Tuesday 28 May at 7.15pm**

**Public participation: Come and have your say – 15 minutes, early in meeting**

Peter Brunning (Chairman) tel: 891 960

Email: [pc@brunning.org.uk](mailto:pc@brunning.org.uk)

Genevieve Dalton (Clerk) tel: 893 332

Email: [clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk](mailto:clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk)

## **Committee for Abington Housing**

The committee continues to meet regularly and is progressing with the development of ideas on what it would like to see developed on each of the three favoured sites. The committee is, however, proceeding with the knowledge that it has no statutory powers in this area. We are only able to put forward proposals to the planning authority, South Cambs. District Council, who have the power to make the decisions. We can back our proposals with the outcomes from the consultations with the community but it will not guarantee that the proposals we put forward are proceeded with in the way that we would wish.

Discussions on the Linton Road site have come to the conclusion that it could comfortably accommodate around 35 dwellings without a major impact on the village. These would be a mix of those designated affordable and some available to the open market, including some suitable for residents who want to downsize. One possibility being explored is the idea of this development being designed around a barn and farm building conversion theme.

The High Street, Great Abington site is likely to go forward with the recommendation of around twelve dwellings, half of which would front on to the High Street and the other half onto Pampisford Road. Once again these would be a mix of affordable and open market including some bungalows. The development of this area would be similar to the way the opposite corner of the High Street is developed.

The old Bancroft Farm buildings site in Church Lane is being considered as a site for a small number of dwellings concentrated only on the 'brown field' section of the land which is currently occupied by old farm buildings, many of which are in a poor or derelict state. These could possibly be larger houses or those designed for downsizing. It is possible that some of the old buildings could be incorporated into the scheme.

If and when these schemes go ahead the committee will be seeking benefits for the village from the landowners/developers. These would include the village taking ownership of the allotment site, the acquisition of a piece of land for a community orchard, support with upgrading the village to superfast broadband and some additional pedestrian footways near the developments.

The inclusion in the schemes of affordable housing would be developed by a housing association and available to those who are on the waiting list for affordable housing. These lists are currently being reconstructed and it is important that anyone who thinks they are on the list should check to make sure. Anyone who thinks they should join the list would be advised to do this without delay.

As always please feel free to feed your views into the process by getting in touch with Bernie Talbot who is the chair of the group. All villagers are invited to participate in the committee's meetings and help with this important work.

## **Community Fuel Order**

The last Fuel Club delivery was in late January. The extremely cold weather lasting several months has made it difficult to gauge when and how often to place orders. The next order will be made in mid to late May. If you want to be included please let Tara know on or after 13 May.

Contact Tara Tonks on 890 647 or on line at [tara.tonks@btinternet.com](mailto:tara.tonks@btinternet.com) quoting name address postcode, phone number and /or email and quantity of oil required.





# Abington Lunch

## Thursday 23 May 2013



Fruit Juice

**Chicken Veronique, New Potatoes,  
Seasonal vegetables**

**Lemon Meringue Pie with Cream**

Tea or Coffee

Please book your meal on 07789 585 399. Leave your name and telephone number with your message before noon on Tuesday 21 May. Don't forget to tell us if you need a special diet. Please remember doors open at **12.45pm**.

Please note that the lunch is open to **ALL** Abington and Hildersham residents.

**Next lunch Thursday 27 June 2013**

### **Forget-Me-Not Club**

Sincere thanks to Captain John Dodsworth and Flight Lieutenant Harry Howe for presenting such interesting talks of their young life experiences to club members. We all felt privileged to share this with them.

The committee wishes to thank Brian Faggetter who, each fortnight, collects and returns members from Linton and Hildersham. Your kindness is very much appreciated Brian.

**Wednesday 8 May** – Shopping trip to Morrison's supermarket

**Tuesday 14 May** – TBA

**Tuesday 28 May** – Gill and David Talbot 'Our Visit to Cambodia'

Membership to the Club is £5 and is now being renewed. Viki Brunning has details and can be contacted on 891 960.

Every meeting is open to all – you do not have to be a member to attend – please do feel free to join us any time.

**For further details about the Club please contact Anne Hall.**

Anne Hall, Chair (892 275)

### **Abington Gardening Club**

On Tuesday 14 May we are planting hanging baskets with the expert help of Brian Talman. Bring or buy your basket and fill with your chosen plants. Meet at 6.30pm at 49 North Road. Please contact me if you would like to come or for further information. Everybody welcome.

Kay Harman, Secretary (891 730) [harman@onetel.net](mailto:harman@onetel.net)

### **Scrabble Club**

The next Scrabble Club meeting will be on Tuesday 28 May at 7pm in the Institute. New members very welcome. Please bring your own board and tiles if possible.

Sheena Fraser

## Abington and Hildersham Women's Institute

At our April meeting we welcomed Lynet Smith, an observer and trainer for the Institute of Advanced Motorists and RoSPA, who volunteers to help people of all ages be better drivers. She showed us how to "Stay safe on the road" by raising our awareness of hazards when driving and avoiding becoming a hazard ourselves! This was followed by a challenging quiz on road signs, which proved it was a long time since most of us had read the Highway Code – if you want to test yourself, ask Sue Toates for a copy!

Next meeting: 13 May at 7.30pm in Abington Institute – *What's that Smell in the Kitchen?* by Gerald Dodd. Visitors welcome!

Marilyn Broadhurst

## Reading Group

There was active debate and discussion at last month's meeting.... great fun.

14 May	<i>Sisters of Sinai</i> Janet Soskice	21 Cambridge Road Little Abington
11 June	<i>Down to the soundless sea</i> Thomas Steinbeck	23 Cambridge Road Great Abington

Please confirm your acceptance for May to Sylvia on 891 207.

Diana Wingfield

## Abington Walking Group

Our Thursday walk saw seven members walking from the far end of Linton towards Horseheath and up to the water tower, returning through Linton to our cars. Saturday's walk started at Thriplow on a glorious sunny day, when nine of us set out to Newton, Foxton and Fowlmere and back to Thriplow.



The May walks are on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>. Do join us.

We have a special social evening at the Institute on Friday 3 May from 7pm; old and new members are invited.

For further information contact Robin Harman on 891 730 or online at [harman@onetel.net](mailto:harman@onetel.net) or George Woodley on 891 169 or [georgewoodley@talktalk.net](mailto:georgewoodley@talktalk.net).

## Abington Cricket Club

Summer is here and (hopefully) there's cricket in the village once again (see cover photo)! Fixture cards are freely available in the village pub or shop and start at home Saturday 20 April for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI, Saturday 4 May for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and 3<sup>rd</sup> XI (at Mill Green); while Wednesday evening 20/20 start 1 May. For 2013 we will have an under 15 team who play midweek and under 11 Kwik Cricket on Sunday mornings 10-11.30am from 5 May.

Support is always very welcome and any new helpers or players even more so - see contact details on the inside back page.

We are looking at a number of major projects to improve the club and enhance the ground further, including replacing the metal fence that runs along the High Street. That will require the help and support of as many locals as possible so we all can continue to enjoy our beautiful village centre. Suggestions so far include plaques for donors, and looking for any outside support. Please contact David Pimblett (891 746) with any more.

## News from Linton Village College

We have had a really exciting early spring at LVC: the production of *Guys and Dolls* brought the community together in a wonderful celebration of the talent of our young people: a large number of the staff volunteered their time to help with the front of house, behind the stage with the set, by playing in the band, by selling refreshments or by directing and the audience was packed on both Friday and Saturday nights. The show was also previewed by children from Granta School and some of the senior citizens in the community. This kind of event reveals a Village College at its very best. Our director, Laura Cassidy, deserves a special mention. She broke her leg a few weeks before the performance but remained completely committed to the notion that the 'show must go on' and hobbled her way through rehearsals and ignored her own discomfort.

This month we also received the news that Linton Village College has been awarded Teaching School Status. This means that we will be leading an alliance of schools in Cambridgeshire and Suffolk with a view to training teachers to teach: both new entrants to the profession and those progressing in their careers to leadership roles. It is a great honour to be one of the 350 primary and secondary schools nationally that are recognised as strong enough to assume this responsibility. We are looking forward to it. We have built an alliance of many first class education providers: Suffolk and Cambs. Local Authorities, the Faculty of Education at Cambridge University, Sawston Village College, Thurston Community College, Castle Manor Partnership, the Granta School and Linton Infants School.

There has been much to celebrate: I just wish that the warmth of feeling that we have about our Village College was matched by some warmer weather!

Caroline Derbyshire, Principal

## May Bulletin from Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

**Bonfire Safety:** In the lead up to summer, if you are going to have a bonfire, ensure you take care when doing so.




- Before lighting, check children and animals are not hiding inside and are a safe distance away
- Never leave unattended, and dampen down with water if you have to leave it
- Do not light in unsuitable weather – especially on windy days and take care that the smoke is not a nuisance to others, or obstructing traffic
- Never burn flammable liquids or burn aerosols, paint, foam furniture or tyres
- Build clear of buildings, including garden sheds and hedges.

A huge thank you to residents who attended car washes held at many of our community fire stations in March (2013). Fire fighters spent many cold hours soaping up cars and raised more than £1,500 for The Fire Fighters Charity.

Community groups can now bid to secure a slice of £36,000 from the Service's new Community Fund to help tackle arson in the county. See <http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/10604> for more information. Closing date 1 June.

The last of the Service's six new rescue pumps will be rolled out across Cambridgeshire this month (May). The service has also welcomed 13 new on-call fire fighters into its ranks at various stations across the county during March. If you are interested in becoming an on-call fire fighter call 01480 444 500. Log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk). To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 99 94.

## Church Services for May 2013

DATE	<i>Gt. Abington</i> 	<i>Lt. Abington</i> 	<i>Hildersham</i> 	Readings
5 May	10.45am <b>United</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>at Balsham</b>	
12 May		4.00pm Ecumenical Christian Aid Service	10.45am All Praise and dedication of Tree of Life	Acts 16. 16-34 John 17. 20-end
19 May Pentecost		8.00am Communion 10.45am Family Communion	9.15am Communion	Acts 2. 1-21 John 1. 8-17
26 May Trinity Sunday	9.15am Communion		6.00pm Evensong	Proverbs 8. 1-4, 22-31 John 16. 12-15

### Church Flower Rota

	<i>Great Abington</i>	<i>Little Abington</i>	<i>Hildersham</i>
5 May	Brenda Bush	Mrs Ellis	Mrs R Moore
12 May	Brenda Bush	Mrs Ellis	Mrs R Moore
19 May	Brenda Bush	Mrs Miles & Fordham	Mrs Huntsman
26 May	Brenda Bush	Mrs Miles & Fordham	Mrs Huntsman

### Churchwardens

Hildersham	Keith Day	Fourwinds, Linton Road, Hildersham	891527
	Cathy Myer	Woodside, Hildersham	892848
Great Abington	Janet Stanley	Abington Park Farm, Great Abington	892110
	Vacancy		
Little Abington	Patrick Daunt	4 Bourn Bridge Road, Little Abington	891485
	Vacancy		



# The Abingtons and Hildersham News



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**June 2013**



*Photo by James Cracknell*

**They said it would be windy!  
Linton Road, Abington, 9 May 2013**

## Letter from the Editor

Many thanks to James Cracknell for the cover photo of a large tree branch brought down in the wind. It was soon cleared away. Fortunately there were no gales blowing on 18 May for the Yard Sale. Over 30 households offered goods for sale at the front of their houses. There were people and cars all over the place and lots of activity and socialising which is a good indicator of success. Congratulations to organisers, Charlotte and Tasha, who raised about £300 for Abington Pre-School, and thanks to all who took part.

The Special Spring Tea was a great success and will be followed on 1 June by a Coronation Breakfast (page 11). Seven more bags of food were delivered to Haverhill Foodbank by Jennifer Hirsh at the end of May. They expressed thanks to all villagers who have donated items of food (page 4).

Great Abington Primary School is continuing fundraising, including a Summer Fair in June (pages 6, 12). Hildersham's succession of exciting events in June includes a Caribbean picnic and a Three Peaks climb in aid of charity. Good luck to the climbers (pages 8, 9).

If exercise is what you want, the usual programme of walks has an extra one on Midsummer's Day (page 12) and there is a busy programme of events for Naturewatch and the Gardening Club (pages 16, 17).

Watch out for the Art Group Exhibition and a special Fathers Day church service for both fathers and pets! At the end of the month there are two vintage car shows in aid of charity and not too far away (pages 4, 5, 12).

It is very good news that the recent litter picks have made such an improvement to the look of our villages. Now we just need to keep removing litter. It is disappointing that some dog owners are leaving dog mess on the cricket field and recreation ground. Please use the dog bins (pages 7, 13, 17).

The recent community purchase of domestic fuel oil was well supported and achieved good savings (page 17).

A plan to sell and develop the scout campsite in Little Abington, reducing the opportunities for youngsters to enjoy outdoor activities, has caused serious concern and strong opposition. A detailed discussion on 16 May led to plans for all interested groups to develop a plan for the site and for raising the substantial funds that purchasing it might entail. This is an important and urgent issue for the community (pages 14, 15).

The Abington Parish Councils are subsidising a trip to Hunstanton in July. (page 7).

Valerie Silvey

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**[news@theabingtons.org.uk](mailto:news@theabingtons.org.uk)**

## From the Vicarage

This month the reflection comes from Steven Wheeler. He is licensed by the Bishop of Ely as a lay minister. Steven has taken services occasionally in each of the parishes. During his working day he makes model fruit and food for films and adverts. He also spends time each day in silent meditation. His article is below.

This month there are a number of special events taking place in the churches. The Hildersham Church project begins on 2 June with the beating of the oil tank drum and a carnival celebration. On 16 June, at Great Abington, you are welcome to bring your pets to church along with your Dad. The question being asked is 'What do pets and Dads have in common?' On the 30 June there will be a united service when all seven churches meet together in Little Abington. We are going to be celebrating the anniversary of the Kempe window in that Church by looking at 'The Gospel through glass'. You are all welcome to come along.

Revd Julie Norris

## Prayer

It was WH Auden who observed that when, as children, we learn to concentrate and pay attention at school, on say a poem, a picture or a maths problem, we establish a life-long aptitude for prayer. We discover that, in order to know our selves, we must draw attention away from our selves. Whatever religious tradition we may or may not belong to, I would like to suggest that we are all on this prayerful journey of paying attention.

Some of us may struggle with the word prayer for all it has come to mean, but I would like to suggest that prayer can mean a lot more than asking for stuff and being sorry. If we can see prayer as an act of paying attention to someone or something outside of our self, then we can begin to see prayer as a channel through which good things come. Where the good things come from is for you to discover, but when we can look beyond our selves in such an attitude of prayer, we find a peace from within.

Many people discover prayer in moments of silence. Prayer is bigger than any amount of words we can find to speak. It is bigger than any one religion can contain. Prayer is a universal act of pure being. In the ancient Hindu texts of the Bhagavad Gita 4: 16-17 it says, 'The person who in his work finds silence, and who sees that silence is work, sees the Light and in all his work finds peace'.

As we come to see prayer as a silent language of relationship, we realise that prayer extends into many aspects of our ordinary life: spending time in the garden, taking exercise, singing, playing music, being creative. These can all be seen as valuable moments of prayer; times when by letting go of formal thought, we are defined by moments of solitude. During such attitudes of prayer, we become more ourselves. We can rarely see this happening, but prayer continues to deepen our sense of who we are.

I hope by now that you are open to prayer being more than asking for stuff and being sorry, when it can be both of these and more. Prayer is more than we can imagine or wish for. Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. Matt 6, 8

Stephen Wheeler

**Haverhill Foodbank – email [info@reachhaverhill.org.uk](mailto:info@reachhaverhill.org.uk) tel 01440 712 950**

Please donate food at Abington Institute and our village churches.

## From the Registers

### Baptism

Guy and Jemima, children of Richard and Victoria Lucas, were baptised on Sunday 5 May at St Mary's Church, Great Abington. We welcome them into the family of the church.



## News from the Pews

The PCC is always looking at ways to attract people to services on Sundays. One of the most difficult tasks is finding a suitable time for everyone. After long discussions and talking with members of the parish, we have decided to change the times and will also endeavour to make them more consistent, although this is not always possible when there are 'special' services of celebration. Please see the back cover for service times throughout June.

**A Reminder to all Flower Arrangers in Great Abington Church.** Please note that the Church is now open daily from 9am until 4pm (approximate times). If you find that the church is locked or you would prefer to arrange your flowers at other times, please contact Anne Hall (892 275)

**A Special Thank You.** Occasionally the church requires inserts to be put into the magazine, which enables us to promote special events. The PCC express grateful thanks to Barry Wallman who makes this possible, and ultimately the team who deliver the magazines to your door. Thank you everyone.

**Rainbows** will meet in the Pre-school hall again on Friday 7 June. Rosemary looks forward to this session.

**Historic Churches Group** will be visiting Little Abington Church on 9 June at 2.30pm

**Pets and Fathers Day Service 16 June at 10.45am.** Bring along both Dads and pets, and make sure that your pets are going to be safe!

**The Gospel through glass.** The stained glass in churches often tells a biblical story. It sometimes also tells us other stories about the life of the glass maker, and the history at the time of installation. On 30 June there is going to be a united service with all seven churches when we look at glass from these churches and hear these stories. Do come along at 10.45am. It will be beautiful.

**Our Charity for the Month of June is Cruse.** Cruse's vision is that all bereaved people have somewhere to turn to when someone dies. Grief is a natural process, but some people need support to understand and cope with what can be a devastating experience. Cruse supports all ages and includes those serving in the armed forces. If you require help from Cruse you can phone on 01223 302 662 or e-mail on [Cambridge@cruse.org.uk](mailto:Cambridge@cruse.org.uk). There are charity collection boxes in both churches.

Anne Hall

## Helping Hands

We are urgently in need of more drivers for this much appreciated service. If you enjoy driving and you could spare an occasional hour or two please get in touch with me. A contribution of 45p per mile is charged which the driver keeps. Our journeys are mainly to and from local Health Centres, dentists, opticians and Addenbrooke's Hospital.

Maureen Harper (891 696) or [maureen.harper27@virgin.net](mailto:maureen.harper27@virgin.net)



## United Reformed Church, Little Abington

A welcome visitor to our church lately has been student minister Chris Kemshell who has been taking services and our study group. Chris, from Yorkshire, has been studying at Westminster College and has now been invited to full-time ministry of the Linton URC Group. We thank him for his time and Ministry with us and pray that he and his family will be blessed there.

If you would like to learn more about our faith in Jesus please call in or ring Lynne Riecansky (893 295).

The services in June are as follows:

2 June	10.15am	Mr Mark Hayes (Holy Communion)
9 June	10.15am	Mrs Penny Slynn
16 June	10.15am	Mr Chris Wright
23 June	10.15am`	Dr Jeffrey Barham
30 June	10.15am	Mrs Liz Wade

## News from Great Abington Primary School

I'm sure that many of you will be aware of the "151 campaign". This is being led by Cambridgeshire schools and the Cambridge News. Of the 151 local authorities, Cambridgeshire receives the least funding per pupil. The campaign is seeking a fairer deal for the children of Cambridgeshire.

Reduced funding is directly affecting the children who attend our school. To continue with the wide range of additional activities which make learning meaningful and so much more enjoyable, such as theatre visits and museum trips, we need to ask parents to contribute more financially than ever before. Our big fundraiser at the moment is for the replacement of our swimming pool. We are so proud of the manner in which the children have embraced this challenge, through organising events such as cake sales and a Teddy Tombola. One Year 5 pupil, Felix Field, will be cycling 140 miles Coast to Coast this half term. You can sponsor Felix on: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/felixfield2>.

The whole school is involved in another fundraiser: 'Great Abington Swims the Channel'. The children will be seeking sponsorship for each metre they swim this summer term. It's only 34,000 metres to France!

I hope we will see lots of you at the Summer Fair on Friday 21 June from 5 to 7.30pm and at the 'Under the Sea' Summer Ball on Saturday 6 July. All proceeds will go towards the Pool Appeal.

Deborah Nicholas, Headteacher

**Note: Great Abington Primary School Summer Term: 16 April to 23 July; Half term: 27 to 31 May; 3 June, School closed for staff training.**

## Abington Pre-School – a safe, happy, stimulating environment



Open Coffee Mornings will be held from 9.30am to 11.30am on Friday 14 June and Thursday 4 July at Great Abington Pre-School. Drinks and snacks will be served.

Will your child be 2, 3, or 4 years old this summer or autumn? Come for a visit and talk through the possibilities of your child attending. Contact Kate/Angela 07974 051 871.

# Great Abington Parish Council – An Active Council

## Parish Council Matters

**Annual Village Litter Pick:** Thank you, everyone who helped with this, especially as you came out when the weather was cold and not very spring like. We were pleased to see that there was less litter around to be picked up this year so either people are being more considerate about not littering or villagers are clearing litter as they go about the village. Perhaps a bit of both.

**Grass Cutting of Areas of Council Responsibility:** This has been delayed because of the recent bad weather, but should soon take place.

**Pocket Park:** Progress is being made towards the realisation of the Pocket Park at the rear of Great Abington Church and adjacent to the recreation ground. More volunteers are still being sought to help with the project.

**First Responders:** Plans to establish a First Responder group for the Abingtons are progressing well. Once the service is operating by the end of the year, a First Responder should be the first person to turn up when 999 is called, and immediate attention is important. This has been shown to lead to much better outcomes of serious conditions, especially for heart attacks. Anyone who wishes to train to help can contact Gaynor Farrant on 892 871. Hildersham is also planning a First Response service.

**Village Bus Trip:** After its success last year the village bus trip will be to Hunstanton again on Saturday 27 July. The bus will leave Magna Close at 9.30am and depart from Hunstanton at 5pm. As in previous years the cost of the trip will be subsidised by the Parish Councils. Contact the clerk if you wish to book a seat.

**Scout Camp Site:** The Parish Council shared the concerns of many villagers about the planned sale of the Scout Camp Site and welcomed the various initiatives that were being followed with a view to maintaining it as a facility for young people (p14).

## Planning

### Planning Application considered by the Parish Council

S/0831/13FL – Abington Village Institute - modification of existing application to install 14 solar panels on roof – recommended approval.

### Planning Application Approved by SCDC.

S/0276/13VC – 1 Pampisford Road – removal of condition 3, thus allowing change of use of existing offices to a residential annexe.

## Great Abington Parish Council Meetings Abington Village Institute

**Planning meetings:** Usually on Mondays, as required, at 6.45pm. See notice board for dates or contact the Parish Clerk.

**Next Parish Council Meeting – Monday 15 July at 7.30pm.** There will be an opportunity for parishioners to raise matters of concern or interest with the council early in the meeting.

Bernie Talbot (Chairman) tel. 892 647

Agenda and minutes posted on GAPC notice board or available from the Parish Clerk.

Sally Smith: news (891 384); Paula Harper (Clerk): [harper802@btinternet.com](mailto:harper802@btinternet.com) (892 000)

## Hildersham Focus

### Tall Stories

Last summer we had a competition. Inspired by 'The Seven Ages of Man' from the play *As You Like It* a bottle of champagne was offered for readers' best suggestions as to what might have been Shakespeare's 'Seven ages of woman'. Several interesting proposals were received, but the prize was not awarded, and the bottle of Bollinger was held over to this year. There will be therefore **two** bottles of the Bon Bolly offered for this year's competition which is for the tallest and most unlikely holiday story submitted to the Editor, by 15 September.

To give an example, a Hildersham resident, chatting to a Swiss gentleman in an Alpine bar, was asked why the English refer to the French as 'Frogs'. He replied that if it had merely been alliteration of the letter 'F' they would surely have chosen something even juicier such as 'flat-feet' or 'food-freaks' and it must be because the French ate (and enjoyed!) frogs legs. The Swiss shook his head. It all stemmed from a visit by a minor German princeling to one of those fabulously rich French kings, perhaps Louis XIV or XV. The Prince Adolf von Saxeland-Sudphalia-Elbhessen-Kitsch (to give him his shorter title) was keen to impress the King, and improve the image of his tiny German state. He brought, as a present, a lovely silver mace, the peak of the German silversmith's art, hand-forged, chased and engraved, beautifully enhanced with niello and lacquer. The King however, eager to return to matters of state with Madame du Barry or Madame Pompadour, merely sniffed 'We have one of those in **gold!**'

Of course, being a French King, he didn't say it in English, still less in German. He said '*On en a un en or!*' Well, you just try saying that – especially down your nose with a proper French accent! It sounds rather like the snuffling of a pig (especially if you throw in a typical contemptuous French '*Bof*' as well). However, when the crestfallen prince later related the story, his Lord Chamberlain thought slightly differently; 'Sire, weep not - 'tis but the croaking of a Frog'.

The many links between English and German royalty have ensured that the name has persisted to the present day. Well, readers will have no problem in finding a taller story than that, and have all the summer holidays to provide the time to write it up. The best (not more than 400 words) will be published in *Hildersham Focus* in the autumn. We can't wait!

### Caribbean Picnic

This joyful event, advertised in last month's magazine, will take place on Sunday 2 June at Hildersham Church and Old School Wood with Caribbean Barbecue, Steel Band, Fun and Games. Entry includes picnic and all entertainment: adults £10, children £5 at the gate.

### Hildersham 3 Peaks Teatime

On 8 and 9 June Kate Huntsman and Jeanette Long will climb three Peaks in 24 hours in support of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Having climbed Ben Nevis in Scotland they will travel to the Lakes to climb Scafell Pike and then on to Wales and Snowdon.

The next Teatime on Thursday 6 June will be a 'Three Peaks Teatime' to give them a grand send-off. All proceeds from the tea will go to the charity. How will the bakers rise to the challenge to make appropriate cakes for the occasion?!

## **The Hildersham Lecture**

Perfect for a summer evening: the summer lecture will take the form of a **Tutored Wine-Tasting** entitled, '**Progression, or why you pay more**' by Simon Alper on Friday 28 June at 7.30pm in Hildersham Church.

Simon selects wines for the Imperial Wine Company, Bungay, and will bring 10 of these for a special evening where we will have the opportunity to taste wines under his tutelage.

The wine tasting will be followed by the customary excellent refreshments.

Places are limited to 20 so book early to avoid disappointment by phoning Jean Morton on 894 739 or Cathy Myer on 892 848. Entry £12.

## **Hildersham Village Lunch**

The next Lunch will be on Thursday 20 June, NOT 11 July - details and tickets from Helen Humphrys (891 309) [h.humphrys@btinternet.com](mailto:h.humphrys@btinternet.com) or Gill Heale (893 596) [edheale@btinternet.com](mailto:edheale@btinternet.com).'

## **Hildersham Village Fete**

The village fete will be held on Saturday 20 July starting at 2pm. There will be the traditional mix of stalls, sideshows, competitions and refreshments, plus a few surprises! Put the date in your diary and come and join the fun. Watch this space next month for more details.

## ***Wisdom is the Tree of Life to them that lay hold upon her Proverbs 3:18***

This beautiful sculpture, The Tree of Life, is made of four woods, Cherry, Mahogany, Jarra and Ash, mounted on glass and etched with the above inscription. It was dedicated in memory of Colin and Judy Franklin at a service in Holy Trinity Church Hildersham on 12 May 2013.



## **Hildersham Parish Council**

**The next Hildersham Parish Council meeting will be held from 7.30pm in the Village Hall, on Tuesday 9 July 2013.**

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

Our April meeting invited Gerald Dodd to give a talk entitled 'What's that smell in the kitchen?' We weren't sure what to expect, but as promised, the evening was entertaining, informative, interactive and fun. Gerald told us some of his life story from leaving school with no qualifications to developing his gift as a teacher in catering and then teacher-trainer in many organisations from the Army to banking. He interspersed his talk with quick changes of costume, an enlightening quiz and cooking and recipe hints. Our competitions of Smell that! and Feel this! tested our senses to identify various foods, spices and herbs.

At our next meeting on 10 June, Bev Briggs will tell us about her job as a Personal Shopper. Visitors and new members are always welcome to join us for talks, refreshments, fun and chat!

Marilyn Broadhurst

## Dates for your Diary

Date		Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Sat	1	Special Coronation Breakfast- Café	10.00am	11
		Naturewatch visit to Lakenheath		17
Sun	2	Caribbean picnic – Hildersham Old School Wood	1.00pm	8
Mon	3	French Conversation	1.30pm	
Tue	4	Art Group	9.30am	
Wed	5	Yoga course and drop in	9.30am	11
		Dynamic Dance class	3.15pm	11
		Yoga course and drop in	7.00pm	11
Thu	6	Abington Walking Group	10.00am	17
		Three Peaks Tea Hildersham Village Hall	3.00pm	8
Fri	7	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-School building	9.30am	11
		Low impact Aerobics	9.30am	11
		Pilates	10.45am	11
		Rainbows Group – Pre-School building	3.00pm	5
Sat	8	Scrapbooking	10.00am	11
Mon	10	Elderly Keep Fit	10.15am	
		French Conversation	1.30pm	
		Abington & Hildersham WI	7.30pm	9
Tue	11	Art Group	9.30am	
		Forget-Me-Not Club	2.00pm	16
		Keep Fit	7.00pm	
		Reading Group – 23 Cambridge Road	8.00pm	18
Wed	12	FMNC Shopping trip to Morrison's		16
		Yoga course and drop in	9.30am	11
		Dynamic Dance class	3.15pm	11
		Yoga course and drop in	7.00pm	11
Thu	13	Gardening Club visit to Easton Lodge	1.30pm	16
Fri	14	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-School building	9.30am	11,12
		Low impact Aerobics	9.30am	11
		Pilates	10.45am	11
Sat	15	Abington Walking Group	10.00am	17
Mon	17	Elderly Keep Fit	10.15am	
		French Conversation	1.30pm	
Tue	18	Art Group	9.30am	
		Keep Fit	7.00pm	
		Naturewatch wild flowers in Hildersham Wood	Evng	17
Wed	19	Yoga course and drop in	9.30am	11
		Yoga course and drop in	7.00pm	11
Thu	20	Hildersham Village Lunch		9
Fri	21	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-School building	9.30am	11
		Low impact Aerobics	9.30am	11
		Pilates	10.45am	11
		Great Abington Primary School Summer Fair - School	5.00pm	12
		Midsummer Walk- Little Abington Church	6.00pm	12
Mon	24	French Conversation	1.30pm	
		Little Abington Parish Council	7.30pm	13

		<b>AALGA AGM</b>	7.00pm	
Tue	25	<b>Art Group</b>	9.30am	
		<b>Forget-Me-Not Club</b>	2.00pm	16
		<b>Keep Fit</b>	7.00pm	
		<b>Scrabble Club</b>	7.00pm	16
		<b>Naturewatch river sampling</b>	Evng	17
Wed	26	<b>Yoga course and drop in</b>	9.30am	11
		<b>Dynamic Dance class</b>	3.15pm	11
		<b>Yoga course and drop in</b>	7.00pm	11
Thu	27	<b>Abington Lunch</b>	12.45pm	16
Fri	28	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group – Pre-School building</b>	9.30am	11
		<b>Low impact Aerobics</b>	9.30am	11
		<b>Pilates</b>	10.45am	11
		<b>Hildersham Lecture –Hildersham Church</b>	7.30pm	9
Sat	29	<b>Rivercare litter pick up</b>	9.30am	
		<b>Art Group Exhibition</b>	10am-3pm	12

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

Jennifer Hirsh (tel. 893 352 or email [jennifer@hirsh.demon.co.uk](mailto:jennifer@hirsh.demon.co.uk))

### Jeremiah's Café in Abington Village Institute

#### Opening times in June

Tuesday afternoons	2.30pm to 4.30pm (4, 18)
Thursday lunchtimes	11.30am to 1.30pm (6, 13, 20), Abington Lunch on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Friday mornings	8.45am to 11.15am (7, 14, 21, 28) <i>Knit &amp; Natter 10am to 11.15am</i>
Saturday mornings	10am to 12 noon Every Saturday
<b>Special Coronation Breakfast Saturday 1 June</b>	

### Wheelie bin dates for June 2013

<b>Mon 3</b>	<b>Mon 10</b>	<b>Mon 17</b>	<b>Mon 24</b>	<b>Mon 1 Jul</b>
<b>Green/Blue</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Green/Blue</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Green/Blue</b>

**Scrapbooking Group** – We meet one Saturday of every month and welcome you to take a look any time and ask questions.

**Dynamic Dance Theatre School – Wednesdays from 3.15pm**

Ballet and modern dance lessons for children from 4 years old at Abington Institute. Contact Esme on 07719 816 548 or [esmewatts@hotmail.com](mailto:esmewatts@hotmail.com) for details.

**Yoga - Wednesdays 9.30am and 7pm at Abington Institute**

Contact Joan 890 629 or email [joanyoga@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:joanyoga@yahoo.co.uk)

**Abington Pre-School Baby and Toddler Group Fridays 9.30am**

This baby and toddler group for 0 to 3 year olds is held every Friday during term-time from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Pre-School building. Come along for play, chat and refreshments. Contact Louise on 890 237 or email at [louise1108@hotmail.com](mailto:louise1108@hotmail.com)

**Low Impact Aerobics – Fridays 9.30-10.30am at Abington Institute**

Suitable for 50+ or those returning to exercise. Aerobics, toning, strengthening and stretching. Exercises to raise your heart rate and tone your body, fun and friendly.

**Pilates – Fridays 10.45-11.45am at Abington Institute**

Pilates exercises will help to alleviate back pain, increase core strength, improve posture and flexibility. Please book for 5 weeks for Low Impact Aerobics and Pilates. Contact Disa Bennett on 729 604 or [disa\\_bennett@hotmail.com](mailto:disa_bennett@hotmail.com)

**Abington Art Group - Exhibition**  
**Saturday 29 June from 10am to 3pm**

**In the Institute – free entry – Jeremiah’s Café open 10am to 12noon**

**You are invited to this year’s exhibition of our paintings and activities.**  
**An opportunity for you to try some painting techniques yourself.**  
**Children very welcome**

**Tel: 01223 893 352      Email: [jennifer@hirsh.demon.co.uk](mailto:jennifer@hirsh.demon.co.uk)**

**Great Abington Primary School PTFA**

Next meeting: Monday 10 June, 7.30pm, at school – all welcome!

**\*ABINGTON SUMMER FAIR!\*** Friday 21 June, 5-7pm. There will be musical performances by the children in the hall beforehand, and a pet show at the end! In between there will be bouncy castles, BBQ, drinks, games, and stalls. Please save the date and come along!

**‘Under the Sea’ Ball** Saturday 6 July. Grab the last remaining tickets for this wonderful event, and help us raise much needed funds to replace the school pool.

**Recycling Day** Friday 12 July, before 10am. Bring any textiles (clothing, sheets, curtains, etc), shoes, belts, bags, or cuddly toys to the front of school for recycling. The school is paid for these items by Bag2School, so the more the better!

**Abington 10K and Fun Run** Sunday 6 October. It’s never too early to save the date! More information to follow!

Please contact Lizzy Gresham (897 883), [elizabethgresham@hotmail.com](mailto:elizabethgresham@hotmail.com).

**Midsummer Walk - Friday 21 June 2013**  
**to the Roman Road and back**

To make the most of the long evening I will once again be leading the annual walk up to the Roman Road in Little Abington, along it and back along the Hildersham boundary (by kind permission of the farmers as some of the walk is not on public rights of way).

Easy walking of about 5 miles with a break halfway to eat your picnic supper which you should bring with you.

Any villager (£1 per person for insurance) is welcome to come including dogs (on leads through farm land). It is a good walk for birds, flowers and butterflies.

**Meet at Little Abington Church at 6pm**

For more information call Jennifer Hirsh on 893 352

**Vintage and Classic Vehicle Show in aid of Cancer Research**

**22-23 June 2013, Pampisford Road, Great Abington**

Cars, commercial, motorbikes, tractors etc, Motorbike Stunt Show, Dog Show, Refreshments, licensed bar. Gates open at 10am. Adults £5, Concs. £3, under 16s free.

**Two Counties Motor Show Sunday 30 June 2013, 9.30am – 4.30pm**

**Over 500 new, classic and vintage cars at Rowley Mile Racecourse**

Run by Newmarket and Cambridge Lions Clubs, all proceeds to Headway and Suffolk Young Carers. Adults £5, Children 11-16 yrs £3, under 11s free.

## **Around the village**

**Litter pick:** This was postponed until 27 April and was well supported – the village looks much better.

**Bus shelter on A1307 eastbound:** An acceptable site for a small shelter close to the bus stop has been agreed in principle, so we hope to move this project forward.

**Committee for Abington Housing** has met again and is reported on page 15.

## **Notes from Parish Council and Annual Parish Meetings on 22 April**

**New councillor:** Mr Paul Pritchard of West Field was co-opted to the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs Ros Hedge.

**Scout campsite:** The Cambridgeshire County Scout Council is determined to sell the site and has appointed January's as agents. This is in spite of considerable opposition from Cambridge district scouts and local residents, among others. It was suggested that we hold an open meeting – this was held on 16 May and gave us a clear mandate to push ahead with a 'community' bid. See report on pages 14, 15.

**Speed reduction:** We continue to chase the highways team to progress the interactive signs on Cambridge Road and have had some response. We have not heard if our bid for speed reduction measures in the village centre was successful.

**John Chaplin Project:** Tony Collett gave an update on the project to install a toilet and servery in Great Abington church to improve its facilities both for church services and also for village events such as concerts.

**Other issues:** The foot/cycle path to Linton needs maintenance, better signage and dropped kerbs; lighting on Cambridge Road is poor and obstructed in places by residents' trees; standard of parking and driving near the International School sometimes leaves much to be desired.

### **Little Abington Parish Council Meetings**

Abington Institute, High Street

**Next Meeting: Monday 24 June at 7.15pm**

***Public participation: Come and have your say – 15 minutes, early in meeting***

Peter Brunning (Chairman) tel: 891 960

Email: [pc@brunning.org.uk](mailto:pc@brunning.org.uk)

Genevieve Dalton (Clerk) tel: 893 332

Email: [clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk](mailto:clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk)

## **Mobile Library**

Tuesday 18 June 2013, times as follows.

Little Abington	West Field	10.00–10.30am
Great Abington	North Road	10.40–11.10am
	Magna Close	11.20am–12.10pm
	The Shop	12.15–12.35pm
Hildersham	Church Green	12.45–1.00pm



## Little Abington Parish Council

### Open Meeting about the Scout Campsite - Thursday 16 May 2013

The meeting was called to advise Abington residents about the proposed sale of the campsite in Church Lane. The main hall at the Institute was full, with everyone present expressing views of support for keeping the site as an open space open to scouts and others – just as it is now.,

Peter Brunning outlined the situation from a Parish Council viewpoint. The first event was a planning application to demolish most of the existing buildings, build three houses (later revised to bungalows) within the village envelope where development is permitted and use the proceeds from their sale to fund two new scout buildings, one built outside the village envelope. The Parish Council recommended rejection but, in November 2011, the applicant convinced the District Council's planning committee of the need for major refurbishment; the revised proposal was finally agreed in August 2012. Almost immediately, we were advised that the scouts were considering several options including selling the entire site; this option was selected in February 2013. The site is now up for sale with January's, with the intention to complete the sale by July, when the site will close. The Parish Council successfully applied for the site to be listed as an asset of Community Value on 09-May-2013.

Tony Orgee, our district councillor, clarified the planning and community asset situation. He was helpful in answering many questions about this topic.

Reg Cullum, a long time scout volunteer and chairman of the 'Friends of Abington Camp Site', explained the history and use of the site. The site was a gift to the Cambridge district scouts by a group of businessmen and academics. The current objective of FACS is to request a postponement of the sale, until issues of past and future ownership can be clarified. Reg explained that the Cambridgeshire County Scout Council is adamant that it will not change its plan and is barely communicating with those involved with the site. Indeed the County Commissioner refused to attend our meeting, stating that 'there are two sides to every story' but 'myself and the Trustees do not feel anything would be gained, as there is no further information to share other than that which has been posted on the County Website – [www.cambridgeshirescouts.org.uk/abington-review](http://www.cambridgeshirescouts.org.uk/abington-review)'

Carol Alderton spoke on behalf of the Abington Jeremiah's Scouts, around 60 strong and the most directly affected group. She spoke of the delight that the local scouts get from the site – and the need to keep the OUT in scouting! She was concerned that there were no suitable alternative venues for the scout Group to use nearby.

Nick Hindley, another user of the site, has run management training events there for a local company. He is convinced that much more income, with little outlay or effect on scout use, could be made by looking for similar customers. He has presented a business plan to the scouts but this seems to have been ignored.

We had a valuable insight into the working of the Scouts hierarchy from Richard Hames, former county commissioner, who had supported the development but not the sale. He said he could not defend the current position.

Melinda Rigby, representing a growing group of Scout parents, spoke about the support of Cambridge MP, Julian Huppert, and his recent visit to the site.

Joseph Knight, the scout who organised an online petition that has attracted nearly 2000 signatures (<http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/save-abington-scout-campstite/>) said he had the impression that the county doesn't care how young people feel!

There was lots of support for continued use by the scouts, local residents & others. Strong feelings were expressed – using words such as disappointed, illogical, unethical and immoral. People asked why there had been no consultation and were concerned about a lack of transparency, suggesting complaints to the charity commissioners and that planning permission obtained under false pretences should be withdrawn.

The meeting agreed that all the groups should work together to develop a plan for the site. The Parish Council collected contact details at the meeting and has now given formal notice of an intention to submit a bid for the 'community asset'. This gives us six months to develop a proposal for the future of the site and to raise the funds – a very large amount of money, perhaps £400,000. Thankfully, there are already signs of a great deal of support from the whole Cambridge community.

## **Committee for Abington Housing**

The last meeting of the committee was attended by an officer from South Cambs. District Council Planning Department. On his previous visit to view the sites in January he had been encouraging about all three sites. On this occasion, whilst he still felt that the Church Lane site would be looked on favourably for sympathetic redevelopment, he was less encouraging about the other two sites as they are currently outside the 'village framework'. It appears that the new SCDC Local Plan is likely to concentrate all its housing development on major new settlements at sites like Northstowe and Waterbeach. There is also likely to be some development at larger villages like Sawston and Linton but none at all in smaller villages like the Abingtons.

The committee still feels strongly that the level of development it is proposing is in keeping with the natural growth of the village and is needed to meet the housing needs of our community. Proceeding with only the Church Lane site would not achieve this aim. It is important that we achieve both affordable housing and market value housing in order to maintain the broad spectrum of properties that currently exist within the village.

The number of dwellings currently in Great Abington is approximately 350 and Little Abington 250. Therefore, if all three sites went ahead as proposed over the next few years the total number of additional dwelling would be 53 which would be a 9% increase on the current village size. This is to be viewed against the numbers of dwellings if all the land put forward in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) had gone ahead which would have resulted in a 200% increase.

The committee still has much work to do to achieve its aims. To support this we are seeking to have a new Housing Survey carried out which would provide up-to-date information on our housing needs as the previous survey was carried out more than two years ago. We will also continue to seek the views on these issues from villagers. Your thoughts can be sent to Bernie Talbot who is the chair of the group or alternatively come along to one of the committee's meetings and have your say.

## **Linton Health Centre News**

We have a few staff changes to tell you about this month. Dr Yash Uttarwar is leaving us in July after over four years as a partner. She had her first baby last summer and has decided that the demands of a partner in a modern general practice are such that she felt that she was missing out on time with her young son. She will work as a locum GP in the Cambridge area, which fits in so much better with a young family.

As one door closes, another opens as they say, and Dr Reem Al-Shaikh is going to take up a full-time partnership from the 1st of August. Dr Al-Shaikh has been a salaried doctor with us for over a year now and is looking forward to being more involved in developing the practice as a partner.

Another change is that Liz Bowden, practice nurse, is marrying and moving to Nottingham. It is a bit too far to commute, so we wish Liz all the best in her new life up north.

Best wishes to Mel Kemp who retired from the dispensary at the end of May (a little early it must be said!). Mel is looking forward to a relaxing break before being enticed back to provide some holiday cover for us in the summer. Lastly, we welcome Esperanza Anstee who is joining the dispensary team in June.

Dr Wheeler & Partners

## **Farmer's Market at Linton Village College**

Saturday 1 June 9am to 12.30pm



## **Abington Lunch**

**Thursday 27 June 2013**



**Fruit Juice**

**Baked Ham with New Potatoes &  
Seasonal Vegetables**

**Strawberry Delight**

**Tea or Coffee**

Please book your meal on 07789 585 399. Leave your name and telephone number with your message before noon on Tuesday 25 June. Don't forget to tell us if you need a special diet. Please remember doors open at **12.45pm**.

Please note that the lunch is open to **ALL** Abington and Hildersham residents.

**Next lunch Thursday 25 July 2013**

### **Forget-Me-Not Club**

It will be no surprise to members to learn that following the AGM the committee remains the same. Thank you to all who attended the meeting, which was followed by a very lively competition arranged by Viki, a quiz entitled 'Name the Song and the Musical'. It was so good to hear so many members singing – thank you Viki.

**Tuesday 11 June** – A talk on the history of Cambridge by local historian Mike Petty.

**Wednesday 12 June** – Shopping trip to Morrison's Supermarket.

**Tuesday 25 June** – Our annual 'Strawberries and Cream Tea'

Having renewed our memberships, the club still has around 70 members. This is an excellent number. However, we are always looking for ways to attract new members. You are most welcome to come along to the occasional talk. We do not expect all members to attend every session. If you would like to join us please do – we are a friendly bunch!

**For further details about the Club please contact Anne Hall.**

Anne Hall, Chair (892 275)

### **Abington Gardening Club**

On Thursday 13 June there is a visit to Easton Lodge Gardens near Dunmow, known for the rose gardens. Cost is £5 for guided tour including tea and cake. We will be sharing transport and leaving the Institute at 1.30pm. Please contact me if you would like to come or for further information or if you need a lift.

Kay Harman, Secretary (891 730) [harman@onetel.net](mailto:harman@onetel.net)

### **Scrabble Club**

The next Scrabble Club meeting will be on Tuesday 25 June at 7pm in the Institute. New members very welcome. Please bring your own board and tiles if possible.

Sheena Fraser

## Abington Walking Group

Despite our unseasonal weather we have continued to be blessed with dry walks in May to Sturmer and Therfield/Kelshall where we enjoyed bluebell woods and one of our dogs chasing a group of deer!



The June walks are on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> (Midsummer special – see separate panel on page 12) and Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>.

For further information contact Robin Harman on 891 730 or email at [harman@onetel.net](mailto:harman@onetel.net) or George Woodley on 891 169 or [georgewoodley@talktalk.net](mailto:georgewoodley@talktalk.net).

## Abington Naturewatch

Naturewatch starts its summer programme this month with a visit to RSPB Lakenheath on the Saturday 1 June, followed by a plant study walk to Hildersham Woods on the evening of the 18 June and river sampling on Tuesday 25 June, again in the evening. Full details to members later but others are very welcome. Contact Derek Turnidge (891 133) for the Lakenheath visit, Jennifer Hirsh for Hildersham Woods (893 352) and Peter Brunning (891 960) for river sampling.

A few copies of our Naturewatch Report for 2012 containing many colour photographs and information on all the river, plant, bird, insect, amphibian and mammal sightings in our area are available price £4. Phone 892 871.

David Farrant

## Abington Cricket Club

A month in and all the senior teams have recorded wins each despite the weather. Pitches home and away have often been challenging as evident by the results on 18 May when all three teams won with the highest total 123. The first team lie 5<sup>th</sup> in the Cambs. Premier 2 league with two wins and two losses; 2nds are also 5<sup>th</sup> with a win and a loss while the thirds have won both their matches so are joint top in an 18-team division.

Midweek teams have won three out of four league matches and after this week's cup setbacks can now focus on the league!

Star performances have included Simon Bishop scoring a century in a friendly supported by debutant Ed Wiseman with 72\*, Jimmy Lawrence scoring over a hundred runs this week without being dismissed; Stuart Duquemin's 94 v Histon and 5-28 v Fordham where new signing Mark Ward starred with 4-29 and a match winning 46\* but the top high light is another new comer - David Lowe, who had been wicket-less this season until he turned our first visit to Ickwell upside down with a Hat-Trick, all clean bowled as we defend 87 all out to win by 4 runs!

A final plea regarding our lovely cricket ground that we all would like to enjoy using – there has been a significant increase in dog mess left on the ground: please, please can all owners pick up and use the poo bins on the recreation ground or elsewhere.

## Abington Fuel Club

Over 50 households bought oil through the Fuel Club in May. The best price was from CPS Fuels who gave 54p per litre + VAT. This was a discount of 4.5p on their best individual order price for 1000 litres. The next order is not likely to be until September – so we must hope for some warm weather meanwhile!

## Reading Group

A good group discussed the *Sisters of Sinai*, our memories and village issues! A happy evening.

11 June	<i>Down to the soundless sea</i> Thomas Steinbeck	23 Cambridge Road Little Abington
9 July	<i>All that I am</i> Anna Funder	107 High Street Great Abington

Please confirm your acceptance for June to Sally Turnidge on 891 133

Diana Wingfield

## News from Linton Village College

When Linton Village College first opened in 1937 it was equipped with a number of contemporary features which included metal Crittall windows. The windows were a revelation. The ones surrounding the bowling green were hinged to fold out, allowing children to spill out onto the steps underneath. They brought a sense of light and space to the classrooms, something previously unheard of in school design. This feature really suited the rural children of our villages who enjoyed the outdoors and fresh air. As the years passed, the windows rusted, hinges became broken, the paint peeled away and attempts to patch them up resulted in fused doors and unworkable fittings. When I became Principal, the windows were a source of annoyance: they had been listed, they were in poor repair, rooms were draughty in the winter, hot in the summer and the peeling paintwork was an eyesore. It would cost half a million pounds to replace them 'like for like' (a condition of the listing) and that was simply not affordable. Once the new building work was completed in 2011, we had the frames meticulously filled and painted, so at least they did not look so dreadful, but the practical flaws have remained.




Imagine my delight, therefore, when the opportunity to submit a bid to the government for their replacement arrived along with our academy conversion. Last month we were successful in that bid and LVC is now able to replace the Crittall windows with functioning ones which will look exactly as they did in 1937. We have also been successful in our bid for money to replace all of the flat roofs across the building. Those of you who have ever had to manage flat roofing will know how useful that will be. Following that, we will re-plaster and refurbish the hall with the money raised by The Friends of Linton Village College. It will be lovely to see the old building get the attention it deserves, once more.

Caroline Derbyshire, Principal

## Adult Education – Sawston Village College

We are now in the process of putting our 2013/2014 programme together so look out for it in July when it will be delivered to all homes in the local area. If you have any suggestions for courses you would like to see held at Sawston Village College, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate. If you are a tutor who would like to offer a course in September 2013, please contact Sue or Wendy on 01223 712424 or email [community@sawstonvc.org](mailto:community@sawstonvc.org).

## Church Services for June 2013

DATE	Gt. Abington 	Lt. Abington 	Hildersham 	Readings
2 June	10.45 am Communion		4.00 pm Caribbean Picnic Service	Galatians 1.1-12 Luke 7. 1-10
9 June		8.00am Communion 6.00 pm Evensong	10.45am Communion	Galatians 1.11-end Luke 7. 11-17
16 June	8.00 am Communion 10.45 am Pets and Fathers Day Praise		9.15am Communion	Galatians 2. 15-end Luke 7. 36- 8.3
23 June		10.45 am Communion	6.00pm Evensong	Galatians 3. 23-end Luke 8. 26-39
30 June		10.45 am United Service		Galatians 5. 1, 13- 25. Luke 9. 51-end

### Church Flower Rota

	Great Abington	Little Abington	Hildersham
2 June	Marion Mackintyre	Mrs Franklin	Mrs Hunter
9 June	Marion Mackintyre	Mrs Franklin	Mrs Hunter
16 June	Sally Smith	Mrs Waring/Harman	Mrs Gresham
23 June	Sally Smith	Mrs Waring/Harman	Mrs Gresham
30 June		Mrs Turnidge	Mrs Cutter

### Churchwardens

Hildersham	Keith Day	Fourwinds, Linton Road, Hildersham	891527
	Cathy Myer	Woodside, Hildersham	892848
Great Abington	Janet Stanley	Abington Park Farm, Great Abington	892110
	Vacancy		
Little Abington	Patrick Daunt	4 Bourn Bridge Road, Little Abington	891485
	Vacancy		



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*Photo by Peter Brunning*

**Abington Walking Group at Kelshall Cross**

## Letter from the Editor

The plan to sell and develop the Scout campsite in Little Abington continues to cause serious concern. The Scouts County Executive team is determined to sell and the Parish Council needs to consider how to raise funds to make a successful bid for the site and then plan for its future use (see page 14). Support will be essential from all interested parties.

The Committee for Abington Housing urges all who should be on the housing register to ensure that they are on that list and also seeks further comment on the well thought-out proposals they have made for future housing development in our villages (page 7).

As part of the public consultation the SCDC Draft Local Plan will be on view at Linton Village College on Monday 22 July. Don't miss this opportunity to see what it proposes.

It's all happening in the schools. The Pre-School has had some successful fundraising and one result is the purchase of equipment for a new, delightful Home Corner, guaranteed to bring joy to the children (page 7). The Primary School is all set to embark on a variety of sporting events in the next few weeks and is working hard to raise money to refurbish the swimming pool. So if you haven't bought your ticket yet for the Under the Sea Ball, make haste and do so (page 12). And what's all this about Linton Village College having a sausage named after it (page 17)?

Hildersham found some summer weather and enjoyed an excellent Caribbean picnic complete with colourful steel band. A further round of social events is planned for July and a fascinating lecture is scheduled to raise funds for improving the Village Hall. Staff from BT have been warmly thanked for sterling work in felling trees, planting hedges and painting the outside of the Village Hall (pages 8-9).

The Recreation Ground Working Party is looking for volunteers to wield a paint brush (page 14); the Helping Hands scheme needs more drivers (page 4) and if you would like to be a Community Champion the Fire Service wants to hear from you (page 12).

The Linton WEA is organising visits to historic places – including the art exhibition at Houghton Hall – and some IT courses that could be most useful (page 18).

Naturewatch, the Gardening Club and the WI all offer interesting outdoor visits in July, and don't forget the Abingtons trip to Hunstanton (pages 6, 15, 16,). Now all we need is the sun!

Valerie Silvey

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**[news@theabingtons.org.uk](mailto:news@theabingtons.org.uk)**

**Photographs of local events are always welcome.**



## From the Vicarage

There is a regular ecumenical gathering at Granta Park and they recently invited me to join them to look together at 'Faith in the workplace'. The challenges of being both Christian and scientist in a sceptical society were talked about. Even more significant was the discussion about how to be alongside colleagues to support each other through the challenges that life and work throw at us.

We may want to be strong enough to tackle injustice, heal the sick, support the weak and mend fractured relationships in the world as well as at work. But where does the strength for this come from? The discussion at Granta Park focused on two resources. The first comes from an inner determination that is prompted by our values and faith and to which we become attentive through prayer and meditation. The second comes from those who stand alongside us. We underestimate the strength that comes from others.

Encouragement also comes from those who, in the process of overcoming trials, share their wisdom. In the midst of the facing up to the injustice of Apartheid, Archbishop Desmond Tutu wrote these words,

Goodness is stronger than evil;  
Love is stronger than hate;  
Light is stronger than darkness;  
Life is stronger than death;  
Victory is ours through Him who loves us.

This month there are some special services to draw to your attention. There is Songs of Praise at Little Abington at 4pm on 14 July and an All Age Praise at Great Abington at 10.45am on 21 July when a game will become a tool to bring calm. There is an All Praise at Hildersham at 10.45am on 14 July with activities and a story of life.

**Revd Julie Norris**

## From the Registers

### Funeral

The funeral of Geoffrey Pearson was held at St Mary's Church, Great Abington on Monday 17 June 2013 and was followed by cremation in Cambridge. We offer sincere condolences to Mark, Simon, Robert and Alice and all the family and friends.



## Helping Hands

We are urgently in need of more drivers for this much appreciated service. If you enjoy driving and you could spare an occasional hour or two please get in touch with me. A contribution of 45p per mile is charged which the driver keeps. Our journeys are mainly to and from local Health Centres, dentists, opticians and Addenbrooke's Hospital.

Maureen Harper (891 696) or [maureen.harper27@virgin.net](mailto:maureen.harper27@virgin.net)

**Haverhill Foodbank – email [info@reachhaverhill.org.uk](mailto:info@reachhaverhill.org.uk) tel 01440 712 950**

Please donate food at Abington Institute and our village churches.

## News from the Pews

**Songs of Praise:** 4pm on 14 July at Little Abington Church. It is good that both of our Churches have had a number of Baptisms this year. It is therefore encouraging that our community continues to grow, along with the family of the Church. There will be a special 'Songs of Praise' service this month inviting back those who have been baptised in our churches in the past. All are welcome and it doesn't matter if you were baptised here or not.

**The All Praise service** at 10.45am on 21 July will offer a game to get rid of unwanted stress, a reflection on a beautiful picture and a baptism for Isha and Isla Watson. Do come and join in.

**PCC Meeting:** This will be held in the Tower Room at 2.30pm on Thursday 4 July.

**Rainbows:** The next meeting will be on Friday 5 July in the school.

**Christian Aid:** Thank you to all who gave to this worthy charity. Many thanks also to all who did door-to-door collections; your work is really appreciated. The amount raised was a most generous £813, and there will be more to come back in Gift Aid.

**Our charity for the month is Romsey Mill.** This is a Christian charity committed to overcoming disadvantage, challenging injustice and promoting social inclusion with young people, children and families. They are based in Hemingford Road in Cambridge and work with around 2,100 people each year. You may leave your donation in the charity boxes in our churches – both of which are open during the daytime.

**Anne Hall**

## United Reformed Church, Little Abington

We love to welcome visitors from home or abroad to our Sunday services – just come along or ring Lynne Riecanaky (893 295) for information.

The services in July are as follows:

7 July	10.15am	Members
14 July	10.15am	Revd Mary Irish
21 July	10.15am	Members
28 July	10.15am`	Mr Andy Nightingale (Holy Communion)

## Stay independent, safe and well

Visitors to Linton Library will have the chance to find out about local services to help themselves, and people they care for, to stay independent, safe and well when the Your Life, Your Choice adult social care road show comes to the library from 7 August to 4 September 2013.

The road show features a display of information to help people remain in their own homes for as long as possible and, for those needing support, provides details of local services and support. The display will be available at the Library during opening hours.

If you are unable to visit the road show the Your Life, Your Choice website [www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk](http://www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk) provides information about local services and support to help you stay independent, safe and well. You can also get help and advice by contacting adult social care enquiries at Cambridgeshire Direct on 0345 045 5202

## Great Abington Parish Council – An Active Council

### Parish Council Matters

#### Village Trip to Hunstanton

The annual village bus trip will be to Hunstanton on Saturday 27 July. The bus will leave Magna Close at 9.30am and depart for home at 5pm. As in previous years, the cost of the trip will be subsidised by the Parish Councils. Once at Hunstanton passengers are free to play on the beach, go for a swim, visit the sealife centre or just go for a gentle stroll along the sea front before finding a shop selling seaside fresh fish and chips. It is expected that the amount paid by passengers will be £5 for adults and £3 for children.

Contact the Parish Clerk (see below) if you wish to book a seat.

**Recreation Ground:** The Recreation Ground Committee is composed of three members from each of the Parish Councils, representatives from the football and cricket clubs and two young mums (to give advice on suitable play equipment). Recently we have been trying to find ways in which the children's area could be re-arranged to allow room for more, slightly more up-to-date, play equipment. It is also hoped to make part of the river bank a bit more accessible to the water for children who enjoy paddling in the summer.

**Pocket Park:** We still need more volunteers to help with the project. By volunteering at this stage you will be able to contribute your ideas on ways in which this small area of wildlife can be made most attractive and help to encourage and keep the wild plants in our village. Contact the Parish Clerk or any parish councillor if you are interested.

**Scout Camp Site:** At our last meeting parish councillors shared the concerns of many villagers about the planned sale of the Scout Camp Site and welcomed the various initiatives that were being followed with a view to maintaining it as a facility for young people. We shall continue to give support to Little Abington Parish Council, as they try to find a way in which this valuable village amenity can be preserved (see page 14).

**Overgrown Hedges and Trees:** The showery weather has led to rapid and healthy growth of the hedges and trees in the village. However, this has meant that in some places, it is beginning to get a bit difficult to walk along the pavement. So, if you have a hedge or tree that borders one of the bridleways, please have it cut back. It is much easier to do this before the new growth becomes older and tougher. Thank you to all the people who have already done this.

### Great Abington Parish Council Meetings Abington Village Institute

**Planning meetings:** Usually on Mondays, as required, at 6.45pm. See notice board for dates or contact the Parish Clerk.

**Next Parish Council Meeting – Monday 15 July at 7.30pm.** There will be an opportunity for parishioners to raise matters of concern or interest with the council early in the meeting.

Bernie Talbot (Chairman) tel. 892 647

Agenda and minutes posted on GAPC notice board or available from the Parish Clerk.

Sally Smith: news (891 384); Paula Harper (Clerk): [harper802@btinternet.com](mailto:harper802@btinternet.com) (892 000)

## Committee for Abington Housing

The meeting of the committee, held in early June, was attended by a member of staff from Cambs. ACRE, an agency that works with SCDC to carry out housing surveys. Although the survey carried out by Great and Little Abington Parish Councils a couple of years ago provided valuable information the committee is keen to have an up-to-date survey to ensure the information is as fresh as it can be.

As mentioned previously, if any member of our community would like to put their names on the housing register they should do so without delay. If you think your name is on the register, but you are not sure, then you should check. Those on the register with an Abington connection will have an impact on the housing survey.

We are still receiving comments from residents on the proposed developments. Currently the balance is overwhelmingly in favour of proceeding with the three sites we have identified in order to meet the housing needs of our community. Please let us have your comments, either for or against, as they all contribute to the bigger picture and will be given due consideration. Your thoughts can be sent to Bernie Talbot who is the chair of the group or alternatively come along to one of the committee meetings and have your say.

## Abington Pre-School – a safe, happy, stimulating environment

On Wednesday 22 May we officially opened our newly refurbished Home Corner at Great Abington Pre-School. It was opened by one of our benefactors, Charlotte Adams, and local shop owner Ravinder Sangha, who both organised and cooked for a fundraising Race and Curry Night. The money raised from that night was used to purchase the new equipment and toys in the Home Corner, including new toy cupboards, aprons, kitchen utensils, children's cookery books and even wooden teabags for the children to play with.



Photo shows L-R

Ravinda Sangha, Abington Stores; Kate McDowell, Pre-School Manager; Angela Lindsay, Pre-School Deputy; Margaret Farrington, Volunteer; Ruth Beach, Chair; Charlotte Adams, Benefactor.

For more information contact Kate/Angela 07974 051 871.

Thank you to everybody who supported the Abington Pre-School Yard Sale on Saturday 18 May. The whole event was a huge success and we raised **£324.28**.

## Host Families Wanted

Cambridge International School is looking for host families all year round.

Pupils are 11–16 years old and will usually go home during the holidays.

If you are interested in providing a home and a second family to a youngster or two, please contact Dr Sturdy at [principal@abelards.com](mailto:principal@abelards.com)

## Hildersham Focus

The footpath from Hildersham to Abington is always pleasant and now in June the meadows sparkle with the brilliant yellows of buttercups and the flowers of silverweed. We are told that we have had the coldest spring since 1962 but this has not been without its advantages. The daffodils that were in bud in mid-March did not reach full flower until after Easter, and our tulips have lasted until the arrival of summer. The spring was cold, but there were no May frosts, and so the wisteria this year has been magnificent. The slow and steady growth of fruit flowers has meant that we are promised excellent crops. English strawberries are already sweet and plentiful, and the cherry (why do cherry trees do so well in Hildersham?) and apple trees are loaded. Every sunny summer day is now welcomed with wonder. Let us hope that our joyful expectations for the summer are not confounded!

The weather certainly exceeded our expectations on 2 June with brilliant sun shining on the **Caribbean Picnic**. Sawston Steel band opened the event and played their steel pans throughout the afternoon providing a perfect Caribbean ambience.



The barbecues worked overtime and there was much fun provided by the limbo dancing and hula hoop competitions. The children painted the old steel oil tank with startling graffiti and then turned their creative skills to making clay heads of the Green Man. Once fired, these will hang among the trees in Old School Wood. The Gospel choir sang with gusto and the afternoon concluded with a service. It was all just lovely. Very many thanks to the many people who gave so much to make the afternoon so enjoyable.

More thanks go to **Mark Logan and his team from BT** who came on 15 May to work wonders around the village. Between them they felled trees, planted hedges and, most significantly perhaps, painted the Village Hall. This looks really splendid and ready to face its centenary next year. BT will always be welcome in Hildersham!

Tickets are now rolling out for the **Rolling Supper** on 13 July. This is always a popular and delightful event. If you haven't yet booked please do so soon by emailing Amanda Palmer at [amjpalmer@gmail.com](mailto:amjpalmer@gmail.com) or Kate Huntsman at [katehuntsman@btinternet.com](mailto:katehuntsman@btinternet.com) Tickets £25

## Hildersham Village Fête, Saturday 20 July, 2pm onwards

This year there are two exciting new events for you to enjoy. You can enter your four-legged friend for our Dog Show and both adults and kids can get creative for our fun Flower Show. Watch out for local publicity giving categories for both events.

There'll also be our traditional mix of stalls, sideshows and games, plus delicious refreshments and a raffle with exciting prizes. It's a great afternoon out with something for everyone. We'd love to see you, so come along and join in the fun!

## **The Hildersham Lectures 2013 – Fundraising for the Village Hall**

### **'Better is Wisdom than Weapons of War' or 'Deeds Not Words'**

#### ***Votes for Women in 1913 Cambridge***

Come and hear what 1913 Cambridge was like if you were a law-abiding 'Suffragist' and just what were the consequences if you were a stone-throwing, fire-starting 'Suffragette'. We will also touch briefly on the Votes for Women campaign nationally and take a look at the evidence surrounding Emily Wilding Davison's brief but fatal encounter with the King's horse Amner at the Derby in 1913.

Life in Cambridge was very different 100 years ago with the Great War just around the corner and fear of what was to come on everyone's mind.

At 7.30 pm on Friday 26 July in Holy Trinity Church, Hildersham. Just £5 for an individual ticket or £10 for a family; it includes a glass of wine and nibbles. To book contact Andrew on 892 430 or email [HildershamHistory@gmail.com](mailto:HildershamHistory@gmail.com)

## **Hildersham Parish Council**

### **A Quality Parish Council**



### **Report on the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 21 May 2013**

**Back Road:** Unfortunately the proposed width restriction for Back Road would be unworkable for local farmers. As it has been suggested that much of the damage to this road was done by developers' lorries, a weight restriction has been suggested for Back Road. Such a restriction could be enforced through the planning consent agreement with developers, which could instruct them to use alternative routes for future development traffic. It was agreed that this seemed the best solution available.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** Linton Parish Council has asked whether Hildersham Parish Council would like to work with them to create a neighbourhood plan. Neighbourhood plans are statutory so would enable the Councils to have more influence on future building in their parishes, but creating one would involve some costs and it would take considerable time and work. Hildersham Parish Council agreed to find out more before deciding whether to embark on this joint project.

**Hildersham Village Hall:** Hildersham Village Hall Trust will be getting a trench dug in the play area to install pipe work for the new village hall. This work should lock in the planning consent for the new village hall building.

**Village Clean -Up:** The Hildersham village clean-up took place on Saturday 6 April, and was well supported, so thank you to all the kind volunteers that helped to tidy up Hildersham by collecting 20 sacks full of rubbish.

**BT Volunteers:** A team of volunteers from British Telecom spent a day working in Hildersham. They did some work on the Recreation Ground and also repainted the outside of the village hall. The Parish Council agreed that the volunteers from BT had done a marvellous job (see also page 8).

**The next meeting of Hildersham Parish Council will be on Tuesday 9 July 2013 from 7.30pm at Hildersham Village Hall.**

## Dates for your Diary

Date		Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Mon	1	Elderly Keep Fit	10.15am	
Tue	2	Art Group Keep Fit	9.30am 7.00pm	
Wed	3	Yoga course and drop in FMNC Shopping trip to Morrison's Dynamic Dance class Yoga course and drop in	9.30am  3.15pm 7.00pm	11 15 11 11
Thu	4	Abington Walking Group	10.00am	16
Fri	5	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-School building Low impact Aerobics Pilates Rainbows Group – Pre-School building	9.30am 9.30am 10.45am 3.00pm	11 11 11 5
Sat	6	Scrapbooking Naturewatch to Paxton Pits Under the Sea Ball- The Restaurant, Granta Park	10.00am morn 7.00pm	11 16 12
Mon	8	Elderly Keep Fit Abington & Hildersham WI – Cambridge Botanic Gardens	10.15am 3.00pm	16
Tue	9	Art Group Forget-Me-Not Club Keep Fit Reading Group – 107 High Street Hildersham Parish Council	9.30am 2.30pm 7.00pm 8.00pm 7.30pm	15 16
Wed	10	Yoga course and drop in Dynamic Dance class Yoga course and drop in Naturewatch to Granta Park	9.30am 3.15pm 7.00pm Evng	11 11 11 16
Thu	11	Gardening Club visit to Rushbrooke & Stanton GA Primary School Sports Day – Recreation Ground	10.00am 1.15pm	15 12
Fri	12	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-School building PTFA Recycling Day – School yard Inter-School Fun Run – school	9.30am By10am 9.45am	11 12 12
Sat	13	Hildersham Rolling Supper		8
Mon	15	Elderly Keep Fit Great Abington Parish Council	10.15am 7.30pm	6
Tue	16	Art Group Keep Fit	9.30am 7.00pm	
Wed	17	Yoga course and drop in Dynamic Dance Class Yoga course and drop in	9.30am 3.15pm 7.00pm	11 11 11
Fri	19	Baby & Toddler Group – Pre-School building	9.30am	11
Sat	20	Abington Walking Group Hildersham Village Fête	10.00am 2.00pm	16 8
Mon	22	Elderly Keep Fit Little Abington Parish Council	10.15am 7.15pm	13
Tue	23	Art Group Forget-Me-Not Club	9.30am 2.00pm	15

		<b>Keep Fit Scrabble Club</b>	7.00pm 7.00pm	15
Wed	24	<b>Yoga course and drop in Yoga course and drop in</b>	9.30am 7.00pm	11 11
Thu	25	<b>Abington Lunch</b>	12.45pm	15
Fri	26	<b>The Hildersham Lecture</b> Holy Trinity Church, Hildersham	7.30pm	9
Sat	27	<b>Rivercare litter pick up Naturewatch visit to Fleam Dyke Abingtons Village trip to Hunstanton – Magna Close</b>	9.30am Morn. 9.30am	16 6
Mon	29	<b>Elderly Keep Fit</b>	10.15am	
Tue	30	<b>Art Group Keep Fit</b>	9.30am 7.00pm	
Wed	31	<b>Yoga course and drop in Gardening Club visit to Great Yeldham Yoga course and drop in</b>	9.30am 1.30pm 7.00pm	11 15 11

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

Jennifer Hirsh (tel. 893 352 or email [jennifer@hirsh.demon.co.uk](mailto:jennifer@hirsh.demon.co.uk))

### Jeremiah's Café in Abington Village Institute

#### Opening times in July

Tuesday afternoons	NO Tuesday sessions in July; reopening in August
Thursday lunchtimes	11.30am to 1.30pm (4, 11, 18), Abington Lunch on 25 <sup>th</sup>
Friday mornings	8.45am to 11.15am (5, 12, 19, 26) <i>Knit &amp; Natter 10am to 11.15am</i>
Saturday mornings	10am to 12 noon Every Saturday

### Wheelie bin dates for July 2013

<b>Mon 1</b>	<b>Mon 8</b>	<b>Mon 15</b>	<b>Mon 22</b>	<b>Mon 29</b>
<b>Green/Blue</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Green/Blue</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Green/Blue</b>

**Scrapbooking Group** – We meet one Saturday of every month and welcome you to take a look any time and ask questions.

**Dynamic Dance Theatre School – Wednesdays from 3.15pm**

Ballet and modern dance lessons for children from 4 years old at Abington Institute. Contact Esme on 07719 816 548 or [esmewatts@hotmail.com](mailto:esmewatts@hotmail.com) for details.

**Yoga - Wednesdays 9.30am and 7pm at Abington Institute**

Contact Joan 890 629 or email [joanyoga@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:joanyoga@yahoo.co.uk)

**Abington Pre-School Baby and Toddler Group Fridays 9.30am**

This baby and toddler group for 0–3 year olds is held every Friday during term-time from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Pre-School building. Come along for play, chat and refreshments. Contact Louise on 890 237 or email at [louise1108@hotmail.com](mailto:louise1108@hotmail.com)

**Low Impact Aerobics – Fridays 9.30-10.30am at Abington Institute**

Suitable for 50+ or those returning to exercise. Aerobics, toning and stretching. Exercises to raise your heart rate and tone your body, fun and friendly.

**Pilates – Fridays 10.45-11.45am at Abington Institute.**

Pilates exercises will help to alleviate back pain, increase core strength, improve posture and flexibility. Please book for 5 weeks for Low Impact Aerobics and Pilates. Contact Disa Bennett on 07798 754 029 or [www.zumbaandpilatescambridge.co.uk](http://www.zumbaandpilatescambridge.co.uk)



## **News from Great Abington Primary School - A Sporting Update**

At last the sun is shining, which is great news as we start a half-term packed full of sporting events. Educational research shows that the impact on academic achievement from participation in sport is considerable. We will certainly be giving the children lots of sporting opportunities over the coming seven weeks.

We finished last half-term on a great note, with our Tag Rugby team winning the Howard Cup. You can see the magnificent trophy proudly on display at the front of the school. For the very first time we also sent a tennis team to compete in a competition at LVC. This followed every class spending a session working with Paul Harms, a professional tennis coach. Paul also established a tennis club. Fencing was offered as an after-school activity, and proved very popular.

This half-term, the children will all be making the most of the pool, with teachers squeezing as many swimming sessions as possible into an already packed timetable. Key Stage 2 children are already in training for the inter-school 'Fun Run', which will take place 9.45am on Friday 12 July. We really appreciate the support that many villagers give to the children as they run past your front gardens!

The whole school is now focusing on our fundraiser; 'Great Abington Swims the Channel'. The children will be seeking sponsorship for each metre they swim this summer term. It's only 34,000 metres to France! Many thanks and congratulations must go to Year 5 pupil, Felix Field, brother Noah and his parents, who completed a 140-mile Coast to Coast sponsored cycle ride this half-term, raising close to £350 for the pool appeal.

This half-term, the children have been organising and running an intra-school sports competition at lunchtimes. We have been so impressed by some of their ideas and organisational abilities! We will be holding a traditional 'sports day' (weather permitting) on 11 July, starting at 1.15pm on the recreation field. It would be lovely to have some extra support, so do join us if you can.

I hope we shall see lots of you at the Under the Sea Summer Ball on Saturday 6 July. All proceeds will go towards the Pool Appeal.

Deborah Nicholas

## **Great Abington Primary School PTFA**

**Recycling Day:** Friday 12 July, before 10am. Bring any textiles (clothing, sheets, curtains, etc), shoes, belts, bags, or cuddly toys to the front of school for recycling. The school is paid for these items by Bag2School, so the more the better!

Please contact Lizzy Gresham (897 883), [elizabethgresham@hotmail.com](mailto:elizabethgresham@hotmail.com).

## **July Bulletin from Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service**

As the sun starts shining, your local fire service is asking for volunteers to champion fire safety. Community champions encourage local residents to carry out fire safety checks in their homes, visit community groups and educate about fire safety and escape plans.

**Would you like to learn more about fire safety?**

**Could you help your community become a safer place?**

**Do you want to gain volunteer experience, get free training and make friends?**

Anyone interested in becoming a Community Champion should call Ed Aniskowicz at Cambridgeshire Acre. Call Ed on 01353 865038, email [edward.aniskowicz@cambsacre.org.uk](mailto:edward.aniskowicz@cambsacre.org.uk) or log on to <http://cambsfirechamps.org.uk/>.

## **Around the village**

**Bus shelter on A1307 eastbound:** We are investigating options in order to get quotes and final agreement.

## **Notes from Parish Council Meetings on 24 June**

### **Officers and Responsibilities**

These remain largely unchanged and are displayed on the Parish Council notice-board outside the Pottery.

**Finance:** Internal audit comments noted. Audit return completed for submission to external auditor.

### **Planning:**

S/0908/13/FL: 10 Church Lane. Two-storey extension to include new garage and master bedroom. Recommended approval.

S/0860/13/FL: 16 Bourn Bridge Road. Noted amendment (not asked to comment).

**Abington Housing Committee** met just after our meeting. A representative from ACRE attended to advise – we will make representations to the district council as input to the local plan, which will shortly be open for public consultation. We also hope to commission a housing survey to confirm current needs (see page 7).

**Scout camp site:** Two of us met the Cambridgeshire County Scout Council but they are adamant that they will sell the site. We have had it listed as an asset of community value, in line with their own statement when they applied for planning permission! They are contesting this as they want to sell quickly – the listing gives us 6 months to put together a bid for the site. Please see separate report (page 14).

**Highways:** Our new County Councillor, Peter Topping, noted our concerns and will raise them with the team shortly. By the time you read this, the High Street should have been resurfaced. We hope you agree it was worth the disruption!

**First Responder:** We agreed in principle to support the purchase of equipment for this important new initiative, which will provide a fast response before the emergency services arrive.

### **Little Abington Parish Council Meetings**

Abington Institute, High Street

**Next Meeting: Monday 22 July at 7.15pm**

***Public participation: Come and have your say – 15 minutes, early in meeting***

Peter Brunning (Chairman) tel: 891 960

Email: [pc@brunning.org.uk](mailto:pc@brunning.org.uk)

Genevieve Dalton (Clerk) tel: 893 332

Email: [clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk](mailto:clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk)

## Little Abington Parish Council – Scout Camp Site

At an open meeting on 16 May, we felt we were given a strong mandate to work with various other groups to develop a plan for keeping the site as an open space open to scouts and others. It is shown as 'Local Green Space' in the Draft Local Plan.

The Parish Council has applied for, and been granted, a community asset listing, which gives us six months to put together a bid for the asset. There is of course no guarantee that it will be accepted. You can now see it listed here: <http://www.scambs.gov.uk/sites/www.scambs.gov.uk/files/documents/SCDC%20Asset%20listing%20table%2017%205%2013.pdf>

The Scout county executive challenged this listing but we responded to the points raised. We understand that their challenge was not accepted when they met with the District Council.

Two of us, together with Tony Orgee (our District Councillor) and representatives of the local scouts and parents, met with members of the Scouts county executive team. They asked us to withdraw the community asset listing and offered to work with us, primarily to achieve an earlier date for the sale. We later consulted the other councillors but did not accede to their request.

It was clear from the meeting that it is very unlikely that they will be deterred from selling. They also made it clear that any bid we make would need to be close to any other bid in order to be accepted. It is certainly true that they are under no obligation to accept our bid and they argue that they are obliged to get the best result for their charity. On the face of it, this seems reasonable though we might hope for some flexibility if it would enable continued use by a significant number of local scouts!

The scouts posted a summary of the meeting that was not entirely accurate so we asked them to remove it and they have acceded to this. Some of the other groups are taking action to investigate many aspects of the decision to sell the site.

It seems clear that the Parish Council will have to work out how to fund and make a bid, and how the site will be run in future. We are hoping for help from both the local scout groups and the parents and are encouraged by the goodwill that seems to be around. We will discuss the matter further at the Parish Council meeting on 24 June.

## Recreation Ground – Working Party – Saturday 13 July at 9.30am

There will be a further working party to paint the outside of the Multi-Sport area, weather permitting. Volunteers welcome. Please contact Peter Brunning for details – [peter@brunning47.demon.co.uk](mailto:peter@brunning47.demon.co.uk) or 891 960.

## Mobile Library

Tuesday 16 July 2013, times as follows.

Little Abington	West Field	10.00–10.30am
Great Abington	North Road	10.40–11.10am
	Magna Close	11.20am–12.10pm
	The Shop	12.15–12.35pm
Hildersham Church Green		12.45–1.00pm

## Farmer's Market at Linton Village College

Saturday 6 July 9am to 12.30pm



## Abington Lunch Thursday 25 July 2013



Fruit Juice

**Lasagne with Seasonal Vegetables  
and Garlic Bread**

**Summer Pudding with Pouring Cream**

Tea or Coffee

Please book your meal on 07789 585 399. Leave your name and telephone number with your message before noon on Tuesday 23 July. Don't forget to tell us if you need a special diet. Please remember doors open at **12.45pm**.

Please note that the lunch is open to **ALL** Abington and Hildersham residents.

**Next lunch Thursday 22 August 2013**

### **Forget-Me-Not Club**

We are very grateful to Jane Dowling who funded our Strawberries and Cream meeting in June in memory of her mother, Evelyn Rand. It was a fitting memorial. Evelyn was such a delightful lady; we all miss her.

Our diary is now full until the end of 2013. Plans are already taking place for Christmas activities and parties!

**Wed. 3 July** – Shopping trip to Morrison's for club members only.

**Tue 9 July** – Talk by Peter Carter *The Fenland Eel Man*.

**Tue 23 July** – Garden Party by kind invitation of Mrs Audrey Bugg.

We welcome new members to the club and non-members who wish to attend a selected talk.

**For further details about the Club and meetings please contact Anne Hall.**

Anne Hall, Chair (892 275)

### **Abington Gardening Club**

On **Thursday 11 July** there will be a morning visit to the Lucy Redman Garden at Rushbrooke, Bury St Edmunds for a guided tour and refreshments. We then go on to Wyken Vineyards at Stanton, Bury St Edmunds to see the four-acre gardens designed by Arabella Lennox-Boyd. We will be sharing transport and leaving the Institute at 10am. On **Wednesday 31 July** there is an afternoon visit to Spencer's at Great Yeldham to see the C18 walled garden and herbaceous borders. We will share transport and leave the Institute at 1.30pm. Please contact me if you would like to come so we can organise transport and for further information.

Kay Harman, Secretary (891 730) [harman@onetel.net](mailto:harman@onetel.net)

### **Scrabble Club**

The next Scrabble Club meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday 23 July in the Institute. New members very welcome. Please bring your own board and tiles if possible.

Sheena Fraser

## Reading Group

Short stories are not to everyone's taste but we all scored the Thomas Steinbeck highly.

9 July	<i>All That I Am</i> Anna Funder	107 High Street Great Abington
13 August	<i>Wait for me</i> Deborah Devonshire	31 Westfield Little Abington
10 September	<i>Family Album</i> Penelope Lively	51 Church Lane Little Abington

Please confirm your acceptance for Anna Heron on 892 973.

Diana Wingfield

## Abington and Hildersham Women's Institute

Bev Briggs came to our June meeting to talk to us about her job as a Personal Shopper. She is an independent advisor who will help you to choose and purchase clothing and accessories according your personality, style, shape and pocket! She showed how handbags and jewellery could enhance or detract from our better points, reminding us that just two handbags (black for winter and tan/beige for summer) are sufficient, as long as they are big enough and not stuffed to the brim! Bev's offer of wardrobe weeding – making the most of what you already have and only keeping what you love and feel good in – struck us as a very practical idea.

Our next meeting at 3pm on 8 July will be a guided tour of Cambridge University Botanic Garden followed by a cream tea. Cost for members £8.95, non-members £13.95.

Marilyn Broadhurst (893 214)

## Abington Walking Group

A busy June of three walks, included the Midsummer, kindly arranged by Jennifer, when we had a perfect evening enjoyed by an excellent turnout of 27 walkers and 5 dogs.

The other two June walks took us on different footpaths in Babraham and Sawston.

The July walks are on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> when we have arranged a pub lunch and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>. Do join us.

For further information contact Robin Harman on 891 730 or email at [harman@onetel.net](mailto:harman@onetel.net) or George Woodley on 891 169 or [georgewoodley@talktalk.net](mailto:georgewoodley@talktalk.net).



## Abington Naturewatch

Naturewatch continues its summer programme this month with a visit to Paxton Pits on 6 July looking at dragonflies and butterflies, followed by plant and insect study walks to Granta Park on Wednesday 10 July in the evening and Fleam Dyke on Saturday 27 July. Full details later but everyone is very welcome. Contact Jennifer Hirsh – 893 352.

A few copies of our Naturewatch Report for 2012 containing many colour photographs and information on all the river, plant, bird, insect, amphibian and mammal sightings in our area are available price £4. Phone 892 871.

David Farrant

## **Abington Cricket Club**

An unbeaten run since 4 May has been in part thanks to the weather as we still await our first home victory and we sit mid-table in a very compact league.

Excellent wins away to league leaders Newborough (Will Earl 103\*, Mark Ward 77\*, Andy Argent 6-57 and Dave Furlow 3-16) by 128 runs and Hardwick (Stuart Duquemin 84 & 3-19) by 129 runs were separated by a thrilling draw with Weston Colville as we batted out 9 down and just 11 short of our opponents 236 all out (Dale Archer 4-44, Duquemin, 3-38 & 85, Furlow 3-50, Earl 3-50).

The 2nds are also unbeaten since their first game with four wins including the league leaders, Cockenach, to put them second in the table. In close low-scoring games Jonny Webb has led the attack with 13 wickets at under 8 each. Olly Barnes has scored 30s and 40s, Andy MacDonald a 50 and a 5 for, and important runs recently from Matt Detheridge.

The 3rds have struggled after starting the season with two wins and have since lost the next three played.

Midweek 1s have had recent wins at Haverhill and Saffron Walden (Duquemin 39) to be sitting comfortably mid-table; while the 2nds top Division 3A after starting with four straight wins (once again toppling leaders Ickleton) though that run ended against Ashdon by one run to keep things interesting.

## **News from Linton Village College**

There are one or two other outstanding secondary schools in our local area, but we are the only one with a sausage named after it. Eton College, another school that has inspired a recipe, has its unfortunately named 'Mess' which, with its combination of strawberries, cream and meringue, tastes rather better than it sounds, but LVC can boast two recipes to its name. Firstly there were the Pork Powerballs in 2012, a recipe that even achieved a special mention in our Ofsted report, much to our amusement, but now, to top that achievement, we have the LVC Sharing Sausage. It is on sale in our local Waitrose stores right now. I bought some this week on the Saffron Walden fresh meat counter and they cost a reasonable £2.49. Like the Eton Mess, the LVC Sharing Sausage is genuinely delicious and, just in time for summer; it sizzles beautifully on a barbecue. Its popularity has taken Waitrose by surprise; they are selling them almost as soon as they come in.

But why do we have a sausage named after us, you may well ask? Well, the answer is because we have been involved in a fantastic Business in the Community partnership with our neighbours Dalehead Foods who produce ham and sausage products for Waitrose. The project involves Year 9 teams designing and marketing a pork-based recipe in their Food and Technology lessons. The best recipes and most marketable ideas are then selected for an in-school competition during which the recipe is cooked, presented and pitched to a panel of judges from Dalehead and Waitrose. The winning entry is then manufactured by Dalehead. The 2013 winners and inventors of the Sharing Sausage were Andrew Martin, Lauren Cole, Bethany Wrenn and Francesca Robb. In the meantime Year 9 students are developing incredible skills in planning, budgeting, communicating, team work, production, pitching and sales that will give them the edge over others when they go out to compete for jobs in the future.

Caroline Derbyshire, Principal

## Linton WEA

Linton WEA and the Cambridgeshire Association for Local History are arranging several coach trips in the coming months and we have great pleasure in offering Linton area local magazine readers the opportunity of joining us. In most cases the coaches will be picking up in Balsham, Linton, Hildersham, and Abington.

The first outing is on Wednesday 24 July and is to Tilbury Fort and Chelmsford Cathedral.

The second outing, on Thursday 1 August, is to Houghton Hall and will include entry to the widely acclaimed art exhibition entitled 'Houghton Hall Revisited'. You will have seen the television coverage of this exhibition on Look East. It features the magnificent art collection of our first prime minister, Sir Robert Walpole, which had been sold to Catherine the Great to adorn the Hermitage in St Petersburg. For the first time in 200 years the collection will be together again and displayed in its original locations. So this is an opportunity not to be missed.

See [www.houghtonrevisited.com](http://www.houghtonrevisited.com)

The third outing is on Saturday 17 August and is to either Chichester Cathedral with Dr Lynne Broughton as the guide or the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum.

All outings are on luxury coaches with an onboard toilet. If you would like to join us on any of these trips please phone 892 430 or email [HildershamHistory@gmail.com](mailto:HildershamHistory@gmail.com)

The Linton WEA, in association with Hildersham History Recorders, is putting on a selection of courses to help local people gain new IT and photographic skills that play a vital part of everyday life. There are a few places left on our remaining courses which will be at Hildersham Village Hall.



### ***On Tuesday 25 June and 9 July - Get to Know Your Own Laptop***

Bring in your own laptop to gain general confidence in using your laptop or PC (if you do not have a laptop, one will be provided for you), find where things are and how to use them. We will also answer your particular questions and pass on our own tips on how to do things more easily.

### ***On Tuesday 16 July and 23 July - Get to Know Your Digital Camera***

For beginners who own a digital camera and want to maximise its potential. Participants will undertake a range of practical exercises and learn how to fully operate their camera, cover fundamental photography, and will be invited to bring along an image for discussion.

The cost of these courses is just £10 to help pay for the Village Hall hire. These are small classes of around 10 people so there is lots of personal tuition. If you would like to join one of these courses please contact Andrew on 892 430 or [HildershamHistory@gmail.com](mailto:HildershamHistory@gmail.com)

## Interested in gliding?

The Abingtons are fortunate in being close to one of the country's premier gliding clubs, and several local residents are club members. Gliding is a form of flight that is both beautiful and exciting. Nothing can quite match the thrill of flying silently, giving a bird's eye view over Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and beyond. Gliders from Gransden Lodge Airfield often fly 200 or 300 miles on a good day.

If you are interested in finding out more, come and have a look around. Phone 01767 677 077 or visit [www.glide.co.uk](http://www.glide.co.uk) for information and to arrange a visit.

## Cambridge Open Studios 2013

Cambridge Open Studios promote local artists and their work to the public. Cambridge Open Studios always run on Saturdays and Sundays, from 11am–6pm. The dates for this year are 6/7, 13/14, 20/21 and 27/28 July. With nearly 400 Cambridge Open Studio members in and around Cambridge, you will find watercolour artists, potters, sculptors, jewellery designers, textile artists and photographers. **Entry:** FREE. Look out for the free yellow guide book in local libraries, galleries, tourist information offices and shops, among others. Visit our website: [www.camopenstudios.co.uk](http://www.camopenstudios.co.uk).

## **Church Services for July 2013**

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Gt. Abington</i> 	<i>Lt. Abington</i> 	<i>Hildersham</i> 	<i>Readings</i>
7 July	10.45 am Communion		9.15 am Communion	Galatians 6. 7-16 Luke 10. 1-11, 16-30
14 July		8.00am Communion 4.00 pm Songs of Praise	10.45am All Praise	Amos 7. 7-17 Luke 10. 25-37
21 July	8.00 am Communion 10.45 am All Age Praise		9.15am Communion	Amos 8. 1-12 Luke 10. 38-end
28 July		10.45 am Communion	6.00pm Evensong	Hosea 1. 2-10 Luke 11. 1-13

### **Church Flower Rota**

	<i>Great Abington</i>	<i>Little Abington</i>	<i>Hildersham</i>
7 July	Pat Kennedy	Mrs Turnidge	Mrs Cutter
14 July	Pat Kennedy	Mrs Molekamp	Mrs Hartland
21 July	Evelyn Tredgett	Mrs Molekamp	Mrs Hartland
28 July	Evelyn Tredgett	Mrs Wolverson	Mrs Cunningham

### **Churchwardens**

Hildersham	Keith Day	Fourwinds, Linton Road, Hildersham	891527
	Cathy Myer	Woodside, Hildersham	892848
Great Abington	Janet Stanley	Abington Park Farm, Great Abington	892110
	Vacancy		
Little Abington	Patrick Daunt	4 Bourn Bridge Road, Little Abington	891485
	Vacancy		





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*Photo by Marilyn Broadhurst*

**Abington and Hildersham WI visiting  
Cambridge Botanic Gardens on 8 July 2013**

## Letter from the Editor

Some like it hot, so the recent heat wave will have been popular. It has brought the tar to the surface in parts of our newly surfaced roads which is not ideal. However, it was great weather for Hildersham's Rolling Supper and for Naturewatch and Walking Group activities (pages 8, 16, 17). The WI visited the Cambridge Botanic Garden and braved the 35°C in the glasshouse (see cover photo, page 16). Congratulations to the Junior Cricket Club that, whatever the weather, has had a most successful season (page 18).

It is grieving to report the tragic loss of life following a house fire in South Road (page 5). It does however lift one's spirits to read the wartime experiences of Harry Howe and his Bomber Command crew (page 13).

Housing development is of interest to us all and all three Parish Councils emphasise the need for everyone to know about and comment on the South Cambs. Local Plan (pages 6, 9, 12). The Committee for Abington Housing has formulated its own proposals specific for Abington and urges everyone to be aware and to make their views known. Also of crucial importance is the need for those who should be on the housing register to be listed there (page 14).

A major programme of work to prepare the site at TWI for construction of new facilities will commence on Monday 22 July 2013. The work, which includes road modifications, building demolition, tree felling and earthworks, will necessitate some changes to site access routes and car parking arrangements, so watch out for notices (see pages 6, 12).

Congratulations to all involved in the hugely successful Under the Sea Ball, which, with other fund raising measures, means that the PTFA can plan to renew the school swimming pool in 2014 (page 7). We are fortunate that many village residents are willing to spend time volunteering to organise events that enrich our lives. There will be a special celebration of volunteering in September and now is the time to plan for it (page 18).

Many thanks to Muriel Crampin who, for years, has organised the delivery of the village News to Hildersham residents (page 8). Special thanks are owed to the volunteer who has redesigned our village website, greatly extending the range of material (page 12). This magazine is always available on the website days before the printed version. Do have a look at [www.theabingtons.org.uk](http://www.theabingtons.org.uk) and let the designer know what you think.

Valerie Silvey

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**Articles for the September edition of *The Abingtons and Hildersham News* Should be sent to the Editor by Thursday 15 August 2013 at**

**[news@theabingtons.org.uk](mailto:news@theabingtons.org.uk)**

**Photographs of local events are always welcome**

**Correction:** The lecture in Hildersham Church on 26 July is part of a programme to raise funds for improvements to this church. My apologies for wrongly reporting in the July News that it was in aid of the Village Hall. Ed.

## From the Vicarage

Napoleon famously said that above all he required his generals to have luck. I am not sure whether winning a crate of beer in the Balsham Flower Festival raffle would qualify as having good luck. I certainly failed to scoop the £50 prize in the Weston Colville raffle. On the other hand in the annus mirabilis of 2009 at Compton Fête (Compton being a previous parish, in case you didn't know) not only did I correctly guess the weight of the British Legion cake, I also won at Ferret Roulette, a game of enormous skill involving a ferret and a set of drainpipes. Don't ask. Had Napoleon been observing, he would doubtless have signed me up for La Grande Armée at once. Of course, particularly in small rural parishes, raffles and fêtes and flower festivals, to say nothing of ferret roulette, are all ways of raising money - and necessary ones. And now is as good an opportunity as any to say thank you to all those who work so hard to make such occasions the success they are. But what I have been spending quite a bit of time doing recently is trying to persuade members of congregations that regular giving, by standing orders, is a more reliable and less chancy means of ensuring a steady and assured income for the local church. "Oh, the church is always going on about money" some of you will say. Actually it makes a change from being told that the church is always going on about sex. In any event why complain about the church? I don't think we go on about money enough. As far as I can tell, it has been ages since there was any realistic discussion about giving in Weston Colville and West Wrating. As a result very few people had any idea how much it costs per week to keep the church going; few had any idea what a realistic level of giving might be; and few had any idea where the money went. I know other parishes within the wider benefice have had or will have similar campaigns so we should all be better informed and I hope more realistic and generous in our giving. And not just to the Church.

I well remember a sermon in Westminster Abbey by Rowan Williams on the occasion of the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Queen Anne's Bounty, the forerunner of the Church Commissioners. He said how rarely did preachers, himself included, talk about the ethics of money, of the importance in Christian discipleship of a right use of money and possessions. It isn't the Church which is always going on about money. It's Jesus. Just read the gospels. Which is a line I suspect that the new Archbishop may take. Archbishop Welby has worked in the oil industry (hence Private Eye's nickname, Justin Oilwelsby-geddit?) and knows a thing or two about making money. He serves on the Parliamentary Commission on Banking Standards and by all accounts has been quite an informed and effective inquisitor. At the same time Pope Francis has adopted a much more austere lifestyle than any of his immediate predecessors and is clearly concerned about issues to do with wealth and possessions, what the Church does and what individual Christians do. So watch this space. We might all be in for some surprises.

**John Fellows**

## From the Registers

### Funerals

The funeral of Pauline Ruth Callaghan-Fowler was held at Holy Trinity Church, Hildersham on 3 May 2013. We offer sincere condolences to Tony, Paul, Leah and their families.



The funeral of Alison Jean Ross was held at St Mary's Church, Little Abington on 16 May 2013. We offer sincere condolences to Elizabeth, Graham, Jane and Kate, and Alison, Laura-Jean and Sam.

The funeral of Olive Jasmine Miller, known to us all as Jasmine, was held at St Mary's Church, Little Abington on Monday 17 July 2013. We offer sincere condolences to Karen and Alison and all the family and friends.

## **Baptisms**

Esme Searle was baptised at St Mary's Church, Great Abington on 12 May 2013.

Laila James was baptised at St Mary's Church, Great Abington on 7 July 2013.

We welcome them into the family of the church.

**Sandra Foulds Holmes** Sandy died in a house fire at South Road, Great Abington on 11 July 2013. Village residents were shocked by this tragic accident. Sandy was a quiet and private person with a kind heart. Our condolences to her sons Jonathan and David.

**Evelyn Rand** Evelyn's family would like to thank all her neighbours and friends for their support and comforting words following our loss in April. Evelyn lived in Church Close for 15 years and during this time made many friends there and at the Forget-Me-Not Club. She had a lovely life in Church Close with such caring neighbours. We will miss seeing her sitting on her bench chatting to friends on a sunny day.

## **News from the Pews**

It is with great joy that the JCOCP committee and the PCC have finally completed plans for the open church project. It is a very exciting plan, which will enable the church to have far more flexibility in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Rainbows** – There will be no meeting in August, Rosemary looks forward to seeing you all again in September.

**Annual Vicarage Garden Party** – at the Vicarage, Church Lane, Little Abington on Saturday 17 August from 2pm to 5pm. Come and enjoy a cream tea with live music, visit the new pond area, browse book and bric-a-brac stalls, buy cakes and home produce and have fun with crafts and sideshows. Donations for raffle or stalls and volunteers to help would be greatly appreciated – please ring Marilyn (893 214) or contact the Vicarage.

**St Bartholomew Craft and Messy Church All Age Praise Service** Sunday 18 August in Great Abington Church at 10.45am. Come to church and have some fun!

The baptism of Ben Branwin will also take place during this service.

**Charity for the month is EACH Children's Hospice at Milton.** The hospice supports families and care for children and young people with life threatening conditions. To continue to operate, the hospice must raise in the region of £5.75 million each year. We hope you are able to support this charity generously. Charity boxes are in both churches. Our churches are open daily.

**Anne Hall**

## **Mothers' Union**

This year we shall celebrate Mary Sumner Day, 9 August, by joining with other branches in the deanery at Stapleford Church. There will be a service at 11am. Please bring a picnic lunch which we will eat together afterwards. Drinks will be provided by the Stapleford branch. There will be a Bring and Buy stall and also a literature stall.

## **United Reformed Church, Little Abington**

On Saturday 13 July Chris Kemshell, who was with us recently, was ordained and inducted as Minister of Linton Free Church in a very moving service. Prayers were said for the latest addition to the Kemshell family, Sophie Jane, who was born very prematurely.

If you are local or visiting Abington there will be a warm welcome to our Sunday services – have you seen our beautiful 'front garden'?

The services in August are as follows:

4 August	10.15am	Two Members from Sawston
11 August	10.15am	Mrs M Whittle
18 August	10.15am	Mrs Liz Wade
25 August	10.15am`	Mr Andy Nightingale (Holy Communion)

## Great Abington Parish Council – An Active Council

### Local housing plans

The plans for new housing are slightly confusing as there are two schemes being discussed at present.

**South Cambs. District Council recommendations** Firstly, in response to government requirements, two years ago the District Council compiled a register of all land that owners would be willing to sell for housing purposes. In Great and Little Abington the total of these areas, if selected, would have made our villages considerably larger. However, none of these sites has subsequently been recommended for development by South Cambs. District Council. The nearest proposed development is at Sawston, where the building of slightly over 500 houses is proposed on the Babraham side of the village.

The consultation with regard to this also allowed individual parishes to nominate 'green areas' which they want to be protected from development. In Great Abington, the land in the centre of **Magna Close** has been recommended for this - although the parking of cars on the green could weaken the case for this being upheld. The second level of public consultation about this is currently under way.

There will be a display of the current proposals at **the Spicer Sports pavilion, Sawston on 2 September, 2.30 - 7.30pm** when a council officer will be present. The plan is also available at local libraries. Alternatively the proposals are on the South Cambs. website, together with the opportunity to comment on the proposals. Positive feedback is important to re-enforce the parts of the plan that you think are appropriate. The consultation will close on **30 September**.

**Proposals being considered by Village Housing Group** Following the early stages of the South Cambs. consultation, a survey of the housing needs of the villagers was done. This showed a need for a small number of houses, mainly for modest sized houses, with some near to the village centre. To achieve this, a committee was formed by interested villagers from both Great and Little Abington. Three areas, each for the building of a small development were suggested, and although a few concerns have been raised, the responses the committee has received have mainly been favourable. However, the two in Great Abington are at present outside the village envelope, which means that the council will have to apply to have this changed before any further progress can be made. If you have concerns about these proposals you could attend the housing committee meetings, or contact the chairman, Bernie Talbot (see page 14).

**First Aid training for Villagers** The council has agreed to pay for two hour training session for any villagers who would like to learn more about first aid. These can be tailored to any special needs – first aid for children, for example. Times and dates will be arranged to be most suitable for those who want to attend. If you are interested, contact the co-ordinator, Gaynor Farrant, phone 892 871.

**Road Safety** The council is continuing to request a 20 mph speed limit in the village centre. At the parish council meeting, concern was expressed about safety on the bend in the road near the hairdresser's shop, especially when cars are parked nearby. Various suggestions were made which will need to be discussed at a later date.

**Pocket park** A start has been made on clearing this land. Plans are being drawn up to allow for more permanent measures, such as installing fencing.

**Scout Camp Site** The Parish Council continues to support the use of this land as reserved for outdoor activities for children and young people.

**Development at Granta Park** TWI representatives recently met two parish council members to discuss recommendations the council had proposed to planning application S/ 2466/12OL, e.g. with regard to the building of three new buildings connected to the Bevan Braithwaite building and the associated landscaping. As a result it was agreed that the sewerage from this development would be channelled away from the village, and that the permissive path from the High Street would only be closed when the building work made this essential. An improved plan for the land surrounding the hall was also agreed. The Parish Council is very grateful to TWI for being so co-operative over this.

### **Planning Application Approved by SCDC**

S/0831/13/FL – Abington village institute modification of plan to install 14 solar panels.

### **Great Abington Parish Council Meetings Abington Village Institute**

**Planning meetings:** Usually on Mondays, as required, at 6.45pm. See notice board for dates or contact the Parish Clerk.

**Next Parish Council Meeting – Monday 16 September at 7.30pm.** There will be an opportunity for parishioners to raise matters of concern or interest with the council early in the meeting.

Bernie Talbot (Chairman) tel. 892 647

Agenda and minutes posted on GAPC notice board or available from the Parish Clerk.

Sally Smith: news (891 384); Paula Harper (Clerk): [harper802@btinternet.com](mailto:harper802@btinternet.com) (892 000)

### **Under the Sea Ball**

The first Abington Ball was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and supported the PTFA. £1500 was raised and will be put towards the refurbishment of Great Abington Primary School swimming pool. Our Under the Sea theme was evident everywhere, with the fabulous table centrepieces, the array of blue dresses with under the sea jewellery themes and even a blue mermaid wig! Thank you to TWI for providing excellent service and delicious food. It was difficult to drag ourselves away from Pimms on the lawn in the evening sun, but guests were soon settled into their seats and introduced to the evening's entertainment by our master of ceremonies Mike Landshoff. Heads and Tails, a Treasure Hunt and the Casino soon had everyone out of their seats and it wasn't long before the Superphonics enticed guests to the dance floor where most guests stayed! Thank you to the following people: Diane Dawson for running the raffle and helping to set up; Mike Landshoff for excellent and professional compering; anonymous donations from villagers who were unable to attend the evening and all the local businesses that helped with marketing and kindly donated raffle prizes. So the big question is....Next year anyone?

Charlotte Adams

**PTFA** thanks all who have supported the school financially and is delighted to say we are well on our way to raising enough money to replace the pool. Work on this will hopefully begin next year.

## Hildersham Focus

**Rolling Supper** Once again, the sun shone on the Hildersham Rolling Supper. This remains an ever-popular event in the village year. Indeed what could be unpopular about spending a glorious summer evening wandering round our lovely village in the company of old friends and acquaintances and enjoying a pleasant meal in a variety of beautiful houses and gardens? The Rolling Supper, however, somehow always seems to achieve more than this. New residents are welcomed, firm and lasting friendships are made, and the group which gathers perhaps a little self-consciously at the pub at the beginning of the evening re-assembles for pudding in the final house as a happy and vibrant community. Another little touch of Hildersham magic!

**Red kites** Last year we reported that a village resident, relaxing in her verdant garden, had seen a red kite flying overhead and we asked for reports of further sightings. Now another has been seen – not quite in Hildersham, to be sure, but fluttering over the Fourwentways roundabout. Recent years have seen a dramatic increase in the number of buzzards in Cambridgeshire (at the expense of the population of hares, for buzzards are able to spot young leverets which are concealed from land-based predators). Could red kites be coming next?

The red kite is a beautiful bird, about the size of a buzzard, but slimmer and much more elegant with angled wings and a clearly forked tail. They live on carrion, earthworms and small mammals, and were welcomed in medieval London as they cleared rotting waste from the stinking streets. In the Victorian era, however, they were classed as vermin and ruthlessly destroyed by vigilant gamekeepers so that by the 20<sup>th</sup> century in England they were extinct.

They were re-introduced over the last 25 years, first in Wales and then in the Chilterns. Carefully studied and protected, from there they have spread to Rockingham Forest in Northamptonshire and also up to Yorkshire and Durham. Shall we have a local colony? Not just yet, perhaps. At least ten birds must be seen for a colony to be credible. Studies on kites fitted with radio-transmitters have shown that they may travel long distances – indeed one has been reported as flying from the Chilterns to Yorkshire in a single day! It seems likely that the Hildersham kites are migrants passing by, but perhaps, as their range increases, these beautiful creatures will become a regular feature of bird-life in the area.

**Thank you** Our grateful thanks go to Muriel Crampin who is stepping down after thirty years of coordinating the distribution of the Village Magazine. What a commitment! We all rely on the magazine to keep us in the picture with village news and events and Pauline Franklin has kindly agreed to take on this important job. We extend our thanks to the rest of the team who never fail to get the magazine to us on time.

**Teatime** It's Teatime: Thursday 5 September, 3pm – 4.30pm at Hildersham Village Hall Everyone welcome.

### The Hildersham Lecture

The first in the autumn series of lectures will take place on Friday 27 September at 7.30pm at Hildersham Church. Dr Tim Hunt will speak on the intriguing subject of 'Fenland Opium'.

On 25 October the speaker will be Rodney Tibbs, former motoring correspondent for the Cambridge Evening News. His talk will be 'Someone has to do it; my life as a motoring correspondent'.

On 29 November Keith Day will give a talk entitled 'Addenbrooke's -well I didn't know that.....!'

Tickets at £5 will be available on the door. Refreshments are included.

### **Thank you from the Three Peakers**

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Three Peaks Challenge. We had an amazing time and have raised over £3600 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Kate Huntsman, Jeanette Long, Matt Leeding

## **Hildersham Parish Council** **A Quality Parish Council**



### **Report on the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9 July 2013**

**Local Highway Improvement bid** The Parish Council has been allocated some funds from the County Council to have pedestrian crossing warning signs installed on the A1307. The signs will be installed to highlight where footpath users cross by the kennels.

**Overhanging branches** Please can householders look at their boundary plants to see whether they are overhanging roads and pathways. Overhanging plants are particularly hazardous after dark as there are few street lights in Hildersham.

**Allotment hedge** Some of the new hedging plants that form part of the allotment boundary hedge are being removed to gain access to some allotment plots. Allotment holders have been asked to ensure that they enter their plots from the field side rather than using the lane.

**Tree work on the Recreation Ground** Tree contractors will be working on the recreation ground during August to coppice some of the willows, and to undertake other work.

**South Cambridgeshire District Council Local Plan** There will be further consultation on the local plan between 19 July and 30 September, with a series of exhibitions, including on 2 September from 2.30pm to 7.30pm at Spicer's Sports Pavilion, Sawston. This is your chance to talk to planning officers about your concerns or priorities for local planning policy.

**The next meeting of Hildersham Parish Council will be on Tuesday 3 September 2013 from 7.30pm at Hildersham Village Hall,**

### **Mobile Library**

Tuesday 20 August 2013, times as follows.

Little Abington	West Field	10.00–10.30am
Great Abington	North Road	10.40–11.10am
	Magna Close	11.20am–12.10pm
	The Shop	12.15–12.35pm
Hildersham	Church Green	12.45–1.00pm



## Dates for your Diary

Date	Venue	Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Thu	1	Abington Walking Group	10.00am	16
Sat	3	Scrapbooking Group	10.00am	10
Mon	5	Elderly Keep Fit	10.15am	
Tue	6	Keep Fit	7.00pm	
Wed	7	Yoga course and drop in	9.30am	10
		Yoga course and drop in	7.00pm	10
Fri	9	Mothers' Union- Stapleford Church	11.00am	5
Sat	10	Naturewatch Children's Day- Worsted Lodge	10.00am	17
Mon	12	Elderly Keep Fit	10.15am	
Tue	13	Summer Tea – Jeremiah's Café	2.30pm	11
		Keep Fit	7.00pm	
		Reading Group – 31 West Field, Little Abington	8.00pm	16
Wed	14	Yoga course and drop in	9.30am	10
		Yoga course and drop in	7.00pm	10
Sat	17	Vicarage Garden Fête - Church Lane, Little Abington	2.00pm	5,11
Mon	19	Elderly Keep Fit	10.15am	
		WI Garden Party – Old Paddock, Great Abington	5.00pm	16
Tue	20	Keep Fit	7.00pm	
Thu	22	Abington Lunch	12.45pm	15
Sat	24	Abington Walking Group	10.00am	16
Mon	26	Bank Holiday		
Tue	27	Keep Fit	7.00pm	
		Scrabble Club	7.00pm	15
Sat	31	Rivercare litter pick up	9.30am	

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

Jennifer Hirsh (tel. 893 352 or email [jennifer@hirsh.demon.co.uk](mailto:jennifer@hirsh.demon.co.uk))

### Jeremiah's Café in Abington Village Institute

#### Opening times in August

Tuesday afternoons	Summer Tea on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Thursday lunchtimes	11.30am to 1.30pm (1, 8, 15), Abington Lunch on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Friday mornings	8.45am to 11.15am (2, 9, 16, 23, 30)
	<i>Knit &amp; Natter 10am to 11.15am</i>
Saturday mornings	10am to 12 noon Every Saturday

### Wheelie bin dates for August 2013

<b>Mon 5</b> <b>Black</b>	<b>Mon 12</b> <b>Green/Blue</b>	<b>Mon 19</b> <b>Black</b>	<b>Mon 26</b> <b>Green/Blue</b>
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**Scrapbooking Group** – We meet one Saturday every month and welcome you to take a look any time and ask questions.

**Yoga - Wednesdays 9.30am and 7pm at Abington Institute**

Contact Joan 890 629 or email [joanyoga@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:joanyoga@yahoo.co.uk)

## **Special Summer Tea – Tuesday 13 August, at Jeremiah’s Café**

Do come and join us for our special Summer Tea from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. We shall be serving a selection of sandwiches and a range of delicious summer fruit cakes with tea or coffee. Cost £3.50, £2.00 for Junior School children; pay at door; no need to book.

## **Everyone is invited to the VICARAGE GARDEN FETE**

Church Lane, Little Abington

**SATURDAY 17 AUGUST 2pm – 5pm**

(St. Bartholomew’s Day)

**CREAM TEAS, MUSIC, GAMES, CRAFTS, RAFFLE +  
CAKES, BOOKS, BRIC A BRAC, PLANTS etc.**

**Outdoor Fun for all in August** Cambridge Past, Present and Future (Cambridge PPF) is a local charity offering a wide variety of summer holiday activities for children but also for adults, many of them at Wandlebury Country Park. There are events every week, for example a Bug Hunt on 13 August, a Clay Oven Course in which you make your own pizza on 18 August. For information on all events and for bookings contact 01223 243 830 or email [bookings@cambridgeppf.org](mailto:bookings@cambridgeppf.org).

### **Outdoor Gilbert and Sullivan’s Mikado at Fowlmere Village Hall 30 August**

Gates open 6.30pm for 7.30pm performance. Bring a picnic and something to sit on. Adults £15; children 5-16yrs £5. Phone 01763 208 516 or email [www.illyria.uk.com](http://www.illyria.uk.com)

**Abington Gardening Club** Wednesday 31 July an afternoon visit to Spencers at Great Yeldham to see the C18 walled garden and herbaceous borders. Shared transport will leave the Institute at 1.30pm. Phone Kay (891 730) or email: [harman@onetel.net](mailto:harman@onetel.net) if you would like to come.

Monday 16 September at 7.30pm in the Institute, Annual General Meeting followed by drinks and nibbles. Everybody welcome.

**AALGA BBQ** – The annual allotment site barbeque will be held on Saturday 7 September from 12noon to 1.30pm (veggie alternatives available). All welcome to this opportunity to have a look at what is being grown.

### **Flower Workshops- autumn series at Abington Institute**

Thursday 12 September 2013 10am- 12.30pm

Two more will be held on Thursday 10 October and 7 November.

These three different workshops will use seasonal flowers and themes to create arrangements for you to enjoy. To register your interest or to find out more please get in touch by phone (891 464) or email on [fredasflowers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fredasflowers@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Message from the Recreation Ground Committee**

Please can you ensure that the Litter Bins and Dog Bins situated around the ground are used correctly. Volunteers from the committee empty the Litter Bins weekly and an outside company is contracted to come and empty the Dog Bins. As you can imagine it is not fun for our volunteers to have to clear the dog waste bags from the Litter Bins! Many thanks in advance for your consideration.

### **Speedwatch – volunteers needed**

We all see cars and larger vehicles speeding on our stretch of the A1307. The Speedwatch team record speeds and works with the police to keep our roads safer. Please get in touch if you are interested in joining us. Training is provided. Contact Trevor Humphries on 07884 283 876 or [trevorhumphries911@googlemail.com](mailto:trevorhumphries911@googlemail.com).

The Parish Council was saddened to hear of the death of Jasmine Miller of Bourn Bridge Road who served as Parish Clerk for 24 years (see page 14).

## **Around the village**

**Recreation Ground, multi-sport area.** Many thanks to the volunteers who responded and helped to tidy the area and paint the fence. It is looking much better. Repairs to other fences are planned.

**Village website:** you will notice that we have a new website design. This is the work of a volunteer who went in vain looking for information on the old one! Take a look at [www.theabingtons.org.uk](http://www.theabingtons.org.uk). The new webmaster would welcome your suggestions and contributions – take a look at the **Contact** page for details.

**Granta Park:** TWI is about to start its major building programme. It will endeavour to minimise any disruption and give notice if it is unavoidable. It is possible that some access to Granta Park will be restricted but any such restrictions will be minimised. Once construction is complete, the area around the old Hall will be improved.

**Trees and hedges:** as mentioned in the editorial last month, *please* trim any overgrown vegetation that obstructs the footways, especially if it could cause people to walk in the road. Remember that prams and mobility scooters need more space. Overhanging branches need to be at least 2 metres above the ground – even when wet! Please consider your neighbours and offer to trim any of your plants that intrude on their gardens. Note that they are entitled to trim your plants back to the boundary, apart from trees with a preservation order. Which? has some guidance on the internet: <http://www.which.co.uk/documents/pdf/the-law-on-trees-153989.pdf>

## **Notes from Parish Council Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> June**

### **Planning:**

**S/1160/13/VC: 41 Cambridge Road.** Amendment to side window details. Recommended approval, with comment that obscure film must remain in place.

**S/1242/13/FL: 56 Bourn Bridge Cottages.** First floor rear extension. We made no recommendation.

**S/2466/12/OL: TWI, Granta Park, Great Abington.** Planning permission granted

**S/0908/13/FL: 10 Church Lane.** 2 storey extension. Planning permission granted.

**S/1450/12/LB: Worsted Lodge, Babraham.** Amendment to external alterations and conversion of granary and cart lodges (for information only).

**Abington Housing Committee:** see separate report, which also includes information about the South Cambridgeshire Local Development Plan. The current draft Plan denotes the Bowling Green and the part of the Scout Meadow outside the village framework as 'Local Green' (see page 14).

**Scout camp-site:** Several members of the public joined our council meeting to discuss this topic. South Cambs. District Council has upheld the site's listing as a Community Asset. There have been several more meetings with the various

interested parties, including an informal meeting, hosted by the District Council, with the County Scout Executive Committee. We plan to put together a community bid and establish a charity to run the site. We will publish regular progress reports.

**Highways:** Cllr Peter Topping apologised on behalf of the highways team for the confusion about timing of the High Street resurfacing. It has now been done and is an improvement, though far from perfect. The loose chippings were an annoyance, especially when some drivers failed to limit their speed!

### **Little Abington Parish Council Meetings**

Abington Institute, High Street

**Next Meeting: 16 September (no meeting in August)**

***Public participation: Come and have your say – 15 minutes, early in meeting***

Peter Brunning (Chairman)    tel: 891 960

Email: [pc@brunning.org.uk](mailto:pc@brunning.org.uk)

Genevieve Dalton (Clerk)    tel: 893 332

Email: [clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk](mailto:clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk)

### **Flight Lieutenant Harry Howe shares his wartime experiences**

Harry Howe, now 94 years old and living in Little Abington, has been sharing his wartime experiences in Bomber Command with the Forget Me Not Club and with year 9 pupils at Linton Village College who have been studying World War II.



He was 19 when war broke out and volunteered to fly with Bomber Command; he was trained as a rear gunner. He joined Squadron 218 flying in Stirling bombers from Downham Market. When his squadron started flying operations the commanding officer told all the crews that their life expectancy was six weeks. Harry and his crew survived 29 bombing operations; he said the crew relied on each other like brothers and that fellowship kept them going. He described in detail the discomfort and tensions of the operational flights, remembering as if it were yesterday. He described it as “Always frightened, never afraid”.

Many of the Bomber Command air crews lost their lives and he lost many friends. It was not until 2012 that the contribution of Bomber Command to the war was recognised by the erection of a Memorial in Green Park, London on 28 June; and Harry was there that day for the ceremony in the presence of the Queen, one of the few still around to remember and tell the tale.

Both the Forget Me Not members and the school pupils were enthralled to hear these memories first hand from Harry.

Jennifer Hirsh, Abington History Group

## **Committee for Abington Housing**

This is News update number nine on the work of the committee. All eight previous committee updates that have appeared in the Village News since the beginning of 2013 can be found on the village web site [www.theabingtons.org.uk](http://www.theabingtons.org.uk) and earlier entries can be accessed via the link to the News archive also found there. This is mentioned because a few people have made contact recently having only just become aware of the proposals that we believe have been widely consulted on over the last ten months.

In our last update we mentioned the importance of anyone with housing needs ensuring that their names are on the housing register (Homelink). If you think your name is on the register but you are not sure you should ring SCDC and check. Everyone who was previously on the register was written to earlier in the year and asked to re-register but if they didn't their name will not be on it. If your name is not on the list but you think it should be, go to [www.home-link.org.uk](http://www.home-link.org.uk). All the information is on the website and applications can be made through the website.

Please feel free to feed in your views by getting in touch with Bernie Talbot who is the chair of the group. We want as many views as possible so that we can be sure everyone has had their say and that we are meeting the agreed purpose of the committee which is : - *'To fulfil the housing needs and improve amenities for The Abingtons whilst not affecting the overall character of the village. The housing needs as identified in the 2011 Housing Survey and amenities identified in the updated village plan including access to superfast broadband and the provision of a Community Orchard.'* All villagers are invited to participate in the committee's meetings and help with this important work.

Parishioners should be aware of another related matter of future planning that is important to us all. The final round of consultation on the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan runs from late July to 30<sup>th</sup> September. All those who are interested, and that should be most people, can access the draft plan via [www.scams.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.scams.gov.uk/localplan) and see how it might impact the Abingtons. Via the same web link you will be able to make a response to the consultation. There is also a series of local exhibitions on the Local Plan being run by SCDC. You may have already attended one and if not there will be one at Spicers Pavilion, Sawston between 2.30 to 7.30pm on Monday 2 September.

## **Jasmine Miller, Clerk to Little Abington Parish Council for 24 years**

Jasmine and her husband Ken moved to Little Abington in 1960 when they bought one of the newly built houses on the south side of Bourn Bridge Road. She became clerk to the Parish Council in 1963 and served until 1987 when she resigned due to Ken's serious illness; and through these years her two daughters were born, grew up, went to university and then left home.

She was the first woman to be clerk to our Parish Council and through her time most of the councillors were men and much older than she was! The Council bought her a typewriter (no computers then) but the minute book was hand written in her meticulous, clear hand writing. There are 154 foolscap pages of minutes covering those 24 years with every detail of decisions fully explained.

In her early years as clerk South Cambs was still a Rural District Council and she battled with them to get planning applications sent to the Parish Council so that it could comment on them. She tried at length to get a telephone box in Church Lane but this was finally turned down. The very lengthy process of planning and building all the houses in West Field took place during her time too. Speed limits on village roads came up often.

When she retired in 1987 the Parish Council presented her with a beautiful wooden garden seat that is still in her garden today. Parishioners should be very grateful for her commitment for all those years; she will be sadly missed as part of village life.

Jennifer Hirsh, Chairman of LAPC 1986-2006



# Abington Lunch

Thursday 22 August 2013



Fruit Juice

**Fish Vol au Vents with Summer Vegetables**

**Baked Peaches with Berry Sauce**

Tea or Coffee

Please book your meal on 07789 585 399. Leave your name and telephone number with your message before noon on Tuesday 20 August. Don't forget to tell us if you need a special diet. Please remember doors open at **12.45pm**.

Please note that the lunch is open to **ALL** Abington and Hildersham residents.

**Next lunch Thursday 26 September 2013**

## Forget-Me-Not Club

There are no club meetings during August, we will meet again on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at the usual time of 2pm. We look forward to seeing you all then, along with all the new members who have joined us in the last eight weeks.

For further details about the Club and meetings please contact Anne Hall.

Anne Hall, Chair (892 275)

## Scrabble Club

The next Scrabble Club meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday 27 August in the Institute. New members very welcome. Please bring your own board and tiles if possible.

Sheena Fraser

## Are you a GLAM? (That's a Great or Little Abington Mum)

Want an excuse to get out of the house and meet some new ladies in your village?

The GLAMs (originally known as The Yummy Mummy Choir) have been meeting each week on a Wednesday to sing, enjoy ourselves and make new friendships through music. We choose our songs and sing anything from classics to current chart music. We have sung at various events in the village and have just been asked to sing at our first wedding! The group was formed to assist St Mary's Great Abington in their application for funding to install kitchen and toilet facilities by showing that the church is in regular use by the community.

Rehearsals begin at 7.30pm in St Mary's every Wednesday, GLAMs come along equipped with wine and hot water bottles (when needed), sing until 9.00pm under the expert direction of Mike Landshoff. The evening often ends up in the pub for further singing if allowed!

Fancy joining us? Contact Mike at [m.landshoff@gmail.com](mailto:m.landshoff@gmail.com) or Charlotte [cmhadams@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cmhadams@yahoo.co.uk)

## Farmer's Market at Linton Village College

Saturday 3 August 9am to 12.30pm

## Reading Group

Last month involved everyone in a very stimulating discussion of *All that I am* (Anna Funder).

13 August	<i>Wait for me</i> Deborah Devonshire	31 West Field Little Abington
10 September	<i>Family Album</i> Penelope Lively	51 Church Lane Little Abington

Please confirm your acceptance to Liz Obstfeld on 893 572.

Diana Wingfield

## Abington and Hildersham Women's Institute

Our July meeting took us to the Cambridge University Botanic Garden in glorious sunshine. We were met by very knowledgeable volunteer guides who led us round selected parts of the 40 acre site, informing and explaining as we went through the Woodland and Bog Gardens, around the Systematic Beds, along the Chestnut Walk, past the Rock Garden and the Bee Borders, with the occasional stop under beautiful trees for cooling shade (see cover photo).

We briefly admired the huge lily pads (sadly the bud had not yet burst into flower) in the Tropical House – over 35 centigrade – before returning to the relatively cool outdoors! In the Dry Garden were plants with a rich variety of flower, foliage and form, many of which we recognised from our own gardens. We ended our tour in the Garden Cafe with a much appreciated cream tea.

At 5pm on Monday 19 August Audrey Bugg will host our annual Garden Party in the Old Paddock.

Marilyn Broadhurst (893 214)

## Abington Walking Group

Our July Thursday walk was around the village of Elmdon to Wenden Lofts. Eleven of us enjoyed the walk in glorious sunshine and made a visit to the hamlet church, one of the few with a thatched roof. Then we enjoyed a leisurely lunch at the Red Cow at Chrishall. On our Saturday walk seven of us went from Ashdon to Camps End. The day was overcast but an ideal temperature for walking.



Our next walks will be on

Thursday 1 and Saturday 24 August. Do join us.

For further information contact Robin Harman on 891 730 or email at [harman@onetel.net](mailto:harman@onetel.net) or George Woodley on 891 169 or [georgewoodley@talktalk.net](mailto:georgewoodley@talktalk.net)

**PTFA** Please SAVE THE DATE for the **ABINGTON 10K AND FUN RUN 2013** which will take place on Sunday 6 October. If you are interested in running, please sign up now on [www.runnersworld.co.uk](http://www.runnersworld.co.uk), as we will not be accepting on-the-day entries this time. Further information at [www.greatabingtonprimaryschool.co.uk/pta](http://www.greatabingtonprimaryschool.co.uk/pta).

## Abington Naturewatch

Naturewatch has been discussing how we could get more young people involved and interested in our local environment. As a result on Saturday 10 August between 10am and 12noon we will be running an interactive session on the Roman Road at Worsted Lodge looking at the flowers and butterflies there. Children will need to be accompanied by an adult and driven to Worsted Lodge (on the east side of the A11) where there is good parking. Phone David Farrant on 892 871 for more information. Saturday 28 September, is World Rivers Day and we will be running a further session for young people looking at what we find in our local river. Details to follow.

David Farrant

### Abington Naturewatch outings

Naturewatch members have had three outings in the past few weeks to look at flowers, butterflies and dragonflies. These have all been most enjoyable and we have been lucky with the weather.

- Meadow near Hildersham Wood (June 18): an evening visit when we saw lots of early spotted orchids and twayblades.
- Paxton Pits, near St Neots (July 6) where we had an expert guide Stuart Elsom: a hot morning and we saw hundreds of damselflies, mainly blue, and several dragonflies including the emperor and, most notably, the very rare Norfolk hawk. The flowers were good too and included evening primroses and viper's bugloss both looking very colourful (see photo).
- Granta Park lake and wild flower meadows (July 10): a lovely evening visit to record the wild flowers in great profusion. A bit late in the day for butterflies and dragonflies. Lots of species of birds also recorded.



Anyone is welcome to join these outings. You don't need to be a member!

Next outing - Saturday 27 July morning – Fleam Dyke to see flowers and butterflies

Jennifer Hirsh (893 352)

## Helping you find beneficial activities and services

Community Navigators are friendly, local people who guide people to activities or services which they would enjoy or find useful.

A Navigator could, for example, help you find:

- a local door-to-door transport scheme to get you to appointments
- services to help you get shopping or hot meals
- equipment to help you remain independent at home like 'Lifeline' alarms or grab rails
- a club, group, or course to meet new people or learn new skills

**A local Community Navigator will be available at Linton Health Centre 10am to 12noon on the second Wednesday of every month, for example, 14 August.**

The service is free, and there is no need to make an appointment, so please pop in and have an informal chat with your new Community Navigator. There may be more available to you than you think. If you would like more information please contact the team on 01954 212 100 or email: [southcambsnavigators@care-network.org.uk](mailto:southcambsnavigators@care-network.org.uk).



## **Abington Junior Cricket**

As the 2013 junior cricket season draws to a close with glorious cloudless skies we can look back upon some really enjoyable cricket from both teams. The U15s joined forces with Weston Colville cricket club this season to offer one final year of junior cricket to the boys. Home matches were played at Abington and were fantastically well supported. We only had a squad of 11 and against all the odds (injuries, using younger players to fill in where possible but sometimes playing a man short, playing against much bigger squads) we really punched above our weight, playing 8 games and winning 4 of them, losing a fifth by just 2 runs. At the time of writing we look likely to finish second in our league to Saffron Walden, which is a fantastic achievement. The boys finished off by beating local rivals Linton in a compelling game of cricket. Linton batted first and posted 104 for 9 off 20 overs with Harry Tiplady taking 3 for 23. Weston Colville/Abington then lost 2 wickets in the first 3 balls of their innings before Ed Coppen (22), Sam Scott (24), Will Tooke (18 not out) and George Franklin (25 not out) saw them home with 16 balls to spare, finishing on 105 for 4. We wish the boys well in their transition to men's cricket.




The U11 kwik cricketers have been training on Sunday mornings at Abington and we have welcomed up to 20 girls and boys between the ages of 7 and 11 this season. They have all had a lot of fun improving their agility, balance and coordination as well as their core cricketing skills. We have attended a couple of tournaments with our two teams coming 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Weston Colville kwik cricket tournament in June and winning the pitch 2 tournament at the Saffron Walden Rainbow Kwik Cricket festival on 12<sup>th</sup> July as the West Indies! It was a pleasure to watch the fantastic team spirit that this team showed and the three girls in our team, Eden, Charlie and Nell made everyone smile with the West Indian cricket flags they had painted on their faces and their dancing! Benjamin Landshoff and Hamish Westbrook were given magic moment awards, Benjamin for a great piece of fielding where he stopped a certain boundary and Hamish for a hat-trick against Saffron Walden which was made possible by the stumping taken by Ned for the third wicket! All in all a very enjoyable season.

Kate Franklin

## **Celebrating Volunteers**

A weekend of Celebrating Volunteering: Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 September. The focus for Cambridgeshire Celebrating Age ([www.cambscelebratesage.org.uk](http://www.cambscelebratesage.org.uk)) this year is to celebrate the many and diverse things that people do on a voluntary basis, for their friends and families, villages, community, wider society. We thought this ties in very well with the work that we are doing on the Parish Nurse Project, (The Parish Nurse: A focus for wholeness and wellbeing), so we should hold an 'Open Day' for all 7 churches. It was decided to hold this at St Andrew's Church in West Wrating on Saturday 28 September culminating in a joint Celebrating Volunteering Service on Sunday 29 September. We are in the early stages of planning and would like to hear from people/groups interested in sharing what they do. Please get in touch with Suan Rowland on 01223 290788 or by email [suanrowland@btinternet.com](mailto:suanrowland@btinternet.com).

## **Church Services for August 2013**

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Gt. Abington</i> 	<i>Lt. Abington</i> 	<i>Hildersham</i> 	<i>Readings</i>
4 August	10.45 am Communion		9.15 am Communion	Hosea 11. 1-11 Luke 12. 13-21
11 August		8.00am Communion 6.00 pm Evensong	10.45am All Praise	Isaiah 1. 1,10-20 Luke12. 32-40
18 August	8.00 am Communion 10.45 am All Age Praise & 'Messy Church'		9.15am Communion	Isaiah 5. 1-7 Luke 12. 49-56
25 August		10.45 am Communion	6.00pm Evensong	Jeremiah 1. 4-10 Luke 13. 10-17

### **Church Flower Rota**

	<i>Great Abington</i>	<i>Little Abington</i>	<i>Hildersham</i>
4 August	Rosemary Skinner	Mrs Wolverson	Mrs Cunningham
11 August	Rosemary Skinner	Mrs Smith	Mrs Palmer
18 August	Ann Godden	Mrs Smith	Mrs Palmer
25 August	Ann Godden	Mrs Snell	Mrs Morton

### **Churchwardens**

Hildersham	Keith Day	Fourwinds, Linton Road, Hildersham	891527
	Cathy Myer	Woodside, Hildersham	892848
Great Abington	Janet Stanley	Abington Park Farm, Great Abington	892110
	Vacancy		
Little Abington	Patrick Daunt	4 Bourn Bridge Road, Little Abington	891485
	Vacancy		



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**September 2013**



Photo by Sarah Hall

**The Hildersham Rolling Supper, 13 July 2013  
Happy conviviality at The Windmill,**

## Letter from the Editor

The combine harvesters have been busy as the sunny days continue. Grain yields should be higher than the earlier forecasts and grain quality good. However the Fire Service has advice for us on preventing straw stack fires (page 6). Straw baling no longer depends on the picturesque steam-driven machine on display at the Vintage Car Show in Pampisford Road in June which, incidentally, raised £2,600 for Cancer Research.



In recent weeks we have enjoyed village fête and garden parties, special summer teas and a rolling supper and a highly successful village trip to Hunstanton. All this, and the regular autumn programme of events (pages 10-13), shows volunteering to be alive and well in our villages. At the end of September there will be a weekend to focus on, and celebrate, volunteering (page 4). Please note that Speedwatch needs additional help and that the ever-popular 10k and Fun Run is also looking for volunteers (pages 9, 12).

Great Abington Parish Council offers wise advice based on a recent distraction burglary. Little Abington Parish Council records new owners for land on Bourn Bridge Road and reports further plans for the Scout Camp site. The next meeting of the Committee for Abington Housing is on 19 September. Do attend if you can. The scarcity of housing and high costs in this area warrant careful consideration and not apathy if we are to achieve acceptable plans for our villages (pages 7, 14-15).

The AALGA is holding a barbeque on 7 September and numerous harvest celebrations are imminent (pages 4, 5, 6, 11). The Haverhill Foodbank faces increasing demand for food boxes so please continue with food donations (page 9). It is time to book flu jabs to keep us healthy in the cold months ahead (pages 13, 18). Time, too, to take stock of domestic heating oil supplies and contact Tara to order more (page 15). Last but not least, Film Nights are back – twice in September – so look out for details (page 12).

Valerie Silvey

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**[news@theabingtons.org.uk](mailto:news@theabingtons.org.uk)**

**Photographs of local events are always welcome**

## **From the Vicarage**

Cambridge Celebrates Age (CCA) is an organisation set up to value older people by encouraging activities to keep them healthy and integrated within communities. It seeks to promote intergenerational activities so that young and old can appreciate each other and work together. This year CCA has adopted the theme of 'Celebrating Volunteers' and is inviting people to hold events to foster voluntary work that can play a significant feature in bringing all of us a sense of purposeful living.

Many of our volunteers in the villages are indeed people who have retired from paid employment. Of course that is not the whole story. Younger people also hold groups to teach children to read and sing, and run sports, uniformed and youth groups. People of all ages are helping people to develop different skills from learning languages to painting. There are 'helping hands' of all kinds, from those who take people to hospital to those who carry out remarkable acts of kindness for their neighbours.

We are holding a Celebrating Volunteers Fair in St Andrew's Church in West Wrating on 28 September between 11am and 3pm. Representatives will set up displays featuring groups from each of the seven villages of Weston Colville, West Wrating, West Wickham, Balsham, Hildersham and Great and Little Abington. Our objectives for doing this are

1. To raise awareness of what is being done locally by volunteers.
2. To give the groups an opportunity to recruit more volunteers
3. To share ideas of what works well across different groups and villages
4. To celebrate the fantastic voluntary activities that make this a good place to live.

Come along and tell others what you do. If you would like to have a display for your group let Suan (290 788), John (291 265) or me (891 350) know.

Do you have some free time to offer and would you like to get involved?

We are planning a bring and share lunch at 12 noon which we hope will be an opportunity for people from all the different organisations to share their great stories about what is going on in each place.

On Sunday 29 September at 10.45am at St Andrew's West Wrating the shared fifth Sunday service will also focus on the theme of Celebrating Volunteers. The church is one organisation which is largely run by volunteers and we will be giving thanks for everyone who gives their time and skill.

The week before this at Great Abington we will be celebrating harvest. The harvest supper on Friday 20 September will host a visiting speaker from Elizabeth's Children. A feature of the harvest service, at 10.45am on 22 September at Little Abington, will be some art-based activities.

**Revd Julie Norris**

## **From the Registers**

### **Marriage**

The wedding of Jimmy Lawrence and Emily Todd took place at St Mary's Church, Great Abington on 27 July 2013.



## **Baptisms**

Elsie Violet James was baptised at St Mary's Church, Great Abington on 7 July 2013. We welcome her into the family of the church.

(Apologies for reporting last month that elder sister Leila May was baptised on 7 July; her baptism took place in 2010).

Paige Elizabeth Brangwin was baptised at St Mary's Church, Great Abington on 18 August 2013. Remarkably, Paige was accompanied by four generations of her family – including parents Ben and Natasha (née Woodley), Grandfather Michael Woodley, Great grandfather George Woodley and Great great grandfather Stan Waddingham. We welcome her into the family of the church.

## **Jasmine Miller**

Thank you to everyone who attended or helped with the funeral and wake for our mother, Jasmine Miller, on 17 July. Her death was unexpected, and the support we received from her friends and neighbours has been touching and greatly appreciated. Our mother loved the village in which she had lived and been an active part of for 53 years, and it was lovely to share fond memories with so many people from the Abington area. Thank you also to everyone who contributed to the Dogs Trust in lieu of sending flowers.

Karen Cooper and Alison Clapham

## **News from the Pews**

Rosemary Mead is an authorised lay minister working in pastoral care in our Churches. She holds a 'get together' at her home every six weeks for new mums. This has proved very successful and a great way for new mums to meet. Rosemary generally invites newly baptised children to the gathering. However, she is aware that she may miss new families in the village. If you would like to join the group do contact Rosemary on 891 718. She will then let everyone know when the next meeting is to be planned in October.

**PCC Meeting** – This will be in the Tower Room at 2.30pm on 19 September.

**Harvest Supper** – Our Harvest Supper will be on Friday 20 September in the Village Institute. Our speaker this year will be Marie from Elizabeth's Children - our charity for the month (see below). Tickets are available from Marilyn 893 214, Mary 891 083, and Anne 892 275. Come and enjoy an Autumn Supper with your friends. Please bring your own drink.

**Harvest Festival Service** – Please do come and join us to celebrate God's Gift of the Harvest on Sunday 22 September at Little Abington church.

**Michael and All Angels United Service** – West Wrating Church on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Rainbows** – The next meeting of Rainbows will be on Friday 13 September.

**Charity for September** – Elizabeth's Children is a charity in Zweletamb, a very poor settlement, in South Africa. It was started in 1990 by an amazing lady called Elizabeth Mqela, an ex social worker who saw too much suffering of little children during her life and decided to do something about it. Until she died, in 2011, she was feeding as many as 200 children each day. Thankfully, her amazing work is still done by an enthusiastic team. All monies received go directly to the charity. For information, go to [www.elizabethschildren.org.uk](http://www.elizabethschildren.org.uk). Charity boxes in both churches.

**For details of times of services, please see the back page.**

**Anne Hall**

## **Mothers' Union**

Our meeting this month will be on 18 September – 2.30pm at 9 Lewis Crescent. As we have lots of events for which we need to make plans, we have decided to make this a business meeting. There will still be time for a cup of tea and a chat.

## **United Reformed Church, Little Abington**

The services in September are as follows:

1 September	10.15am	Mr John Thorne
8 September	10.15am	Mr Bryan Ellicott
15 September	2.30pm	Revd Bruce Waldron – Harvest Festival
22 September	10.15am`	Mrs Gillian Taylor
29 September	10.15am	Revd Bruce Waldron

## **URC Harvest Festival Sunday 15 September at 2.30pm**

This festival is to give thanks for all the richness of God's creation and particularly our food. We invite you to come and join us on this occasion and share a cup of tea afterwards.

## **Granta Chorale: St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden 28 September at 7.30pm**

The programme *Cantate Domino* will combine choral music from the 17th and 18th centuries with exciting modern repertoire. The second part of the performance is reserved for the music of Domenico Scarlatti (1685-1757) and his *Stabat Mater*, a sumptuous setting of the poem describing the grief and love of Mary, the mother of Christ, at the foot of the Cross. Tickets £10 (under 18s £2) are available from Granta Chorale Tickets tel. 892 001 or Email: [tickets@grantachorale.org](mailto:tickets@grantachorale.org) and Saffron Walden Tourist Information Centre.

## **Harvest Workshop at Balsham Church Institute from 10am 5 October**

Come and join the activities, games and sample the refreshments. For more information contact Sharon Clark (tel. 893 043) or Revd Kathy Bishop (tel. 892 288).

## **September Bulletin From Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service**

Harvest is upon us and we're calling on local residents to help our fight against straw stack arson. Stack fires can quickly spread and not only endanger people and livestock, but also life-long work on farms. Stacks burn very slowly meaning crews are committed for long periods of time, making them unavailable for other emergencies. Don't forget, many of the fire fighters attending incidents like these in rural parts of our county are on-call personnel and their retention at a stack fire impacts directly upon business and services in their community.

We're working with police, neighbourhood watches and farm groups to drive stack arson down, including installing covert cameras to help bring those responsible to justice.

**What can you do?** We're urging residents and those passing through rural areas to keep a careful watch. Do you see someone acting suspiciously around stores of hay or straw? Is there an unusual vehicle near farm buildings? Become a community member of Arson Watch and keep an eye on stacks in your area.

Report suspicious activity to police on 101 and dial 999 if you see a stack fire. Like our fan page on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/cambsfrs](http://www.facebook.com/cambsfrs), follow us on Twitter @cambsfrs.

## Great Abington Parish Council – An Active Council

**Village Outing** The village outing to Hunstanton came on a day when the weather was just right for the seaside. As in previous years this was enjoyed by people from all age groups and both villages were well represented. The cost of these outings is subsidised by both of the parish councils, and it is rewarding to be able to allocate funds for something that seems to benefit such a variety of people. Thank you to Pennie and her helpers who co-ordinated things on the day. They are now asking 'Where shall we go next year?'

**Changes to Bus Times** There have been some small changes to the service 13 bus which passes through the village, going towards Cambridge or Haverhill. For details contact Stagecoach (tel 433 250), [Cambridge.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com](mailto:Cambridge.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com)

**Road Gritting** The start of September seems early to be writing about the gritting of our roads, but the County Council has to plan these things well in advance, and is currently holding an on-line consultation about this. Cambridgeshire County Council is responsible for keeping the major roads and bus routes clear of snow and ice. Last year they gave an excellent service, gritting these roads frequently, starting very early in the morning and finishing late at night. To find out more about the roads treated by the County Council, and to comment on the present arrangements, log on to <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/winter/grittingroutes.htm>. The consultation closes on 20 September.

The gritting of local minor roads depends on residents spreading salt from the yellow bins placed around the village. You are reminded that this salt must **not** be used on private drives as, if the County Council becomes aware that this is happening, they will stop refilling the bins.

**Distraction Burglary** A man recently visited an elderly resident of one of the villages near Abington. He claimed to be from the fraud squad and said he had a credit card that belonged to the man. The elderly man was rightly suspicious and went to fetch a neighbour. However, he left his door unlocked while doing this, and returned to find that the 'Fraud squad policeman' had disappeared, taking with him a large sum of money which he had removed from the unlocked house.

It is important to note that, in circumstances like this, the police would have phoned the man before arriving on his doorstep, (they only call unannounced in very special circumstances). They would also have had a card confirming their identity. It is also important to remember to lock all doors and shut windows before leaving your house, even if you do not expect to be away for more than a few minutes.

### Great Abington Parish Council Meetings Abington Village Institute

**Planning meetings:** Usually on Mondays, as required, at 6.45pm. See notice board for dates or contact the Parish Clerk.

**Next Parish Council Meeting – Monday 16 September at 7.30pm.** There will be an opportunity for parishioners to raise matters of concern or interest with the council early in the meeting.

**Bernie Talbot (Chairman) tel. 892 647**

Agenda and minutes posted on GAPC notice board or available from the Parish Clerk.

Sally Smith: news (891 384); Paula Harper (Clerk): [harper802@btinternet.com](mailto:harper802@btinternet.com) (892 000)



## Hildersham Focus

We're still enjoying a lovely summer. We have all been able to relax under the soothing glow of continuing sunshine.

### The Village Fête

The weather certainly contributed to the wonderful atmosphere at the Hildersham Village Fête on 20 July. Visitors were able to sit by the river enjoying their cream teas whilst watching all the fun of the fête including the dog show, the duck races, the country games and Charlie Baker's extraordinary old vehicles. A new innovation this year was a low-key Flower and Vegetable Show which, despite a lower than expected number of entries, proved very popular with the viewers and so we anticipate greater things next year.

The village turned out in force and once again proved the truth of the immortal words of the poet Hilaire Belloc: *'Like many of the upper class, they loved the sounds of breaking glass.'*

Not that the people of Hildersham would claim to be upper class, but they certainly loved smashing cups at the crockery stall. One elderly resident, delighted after destroying three plates with three balls, was heard to laugh that he'd always known that time spent playing cricket would pay off at some stage, and that even all the youthful hours he had spent stuck on the third-man boundary now felt worthwhile! The coconut shy was equally popular. Unlike many fairs there was no Loctite to hold the nuts in place, and a direct hit (or even hitting the iron supports) was usually enough to gain a prize. As for the duck racing, Victor Chandler himself would have struggled to cope with the complex winning combinations as the yellow perils (named after football clubs, would you believe?) were swept down the river.

Overall, there was a profit of over £1,600 towards our new village hall. Thank you to everybody who helped to make this a truly memorable event

### The Hildersham Jam Stall

This unassuming charity fundraiser was started, some 30 years ago, by Di Arkwright and continues to this day in her memory. It is currently sited next to the Pear Tree pub, with proceeds going to EACH (East Anglian Children's Hospices), whose Royal Patron is the Duchess of Cambridge. So far this year, almost £500 has been raised for the charity.

The original stall still survives, having been repaired and spruced up over the years. It now even boasts its own custom-designed rain cover. And it's not just about jam! Homemade marmalades and chutneys are available and look out for eggs, fruit and vegetables too.

Grateful thanks are due to everyone who supports the enterprise, but particular mention must be made of Cheryl Wise who has supplied the magnificent sum of 1501 jars of preserves in the last two years. As Cheryl has now moved from the village, we're appealing to all local jam makers. If you can spare a jar of homemade jam or some home-grown produce, just pop it on the stall labelled with a suggested donation. If anyone is inspired to make larger quantities, please contact Jill on 893 596 or at Silverwood, the house with the stall.

A Hildersham tradition for a worthy cause – let's keep it going!

## Tall Stories

Readers are reminded that there are now only a couple of weeks left to submit entries for the 'Tall Summer Story' competition. Tell us of the crazy things that happened on your holiday, and win some champagne. (Incidentally it has been suggested that an alcoholic prize means that children are not eligible to enter, but this is not so. If a child wins we will provide another prize – perhaps book-tokens). Entries, in 400 words to be sent to Valerie Silvey ([news@theabingtons.org.uk](mailto:news@theabingtons.org.uk)) by 15 September! Start writing!

## The Hildersham Lecture

The next Hildersham Lecture will take place on Friday 27 September at 7.30pm in the church. Dr Tim Hunt will speak about 'Fenland Opium', an intriguing subject if ever there was one. Do come to hear about the innocuous seeming poppy that springs up unexpectedly in our gardens; it has another life! As usual there will be delicious refreshments on arrival (always welcome for those arriving straight from work). Entrance is £5 or £10 for a family ticket. The proceeds will go to the church appeal, 'It's Our Turn Now'.

## Hildersham Parish Council A Quality Parish Council



**The next meeting of Hildersham Parish Council will be on Tuesday 3 September 2013 from 7.30pm at Hildersham Village Hall,**

## Mobile Library

Tuesday 17 September 2013, times as follows.

Little Abington	West Field	10.00–10.30am
Great Abington	North Road	10.40–11.10am
	Magna Close	11.20am–12.10pm
	The Shop	12.15–12.35pm
Hildersham Church Green		12.45–1.00pm

## Haverhill Foodbank – email [info@reachhaverhill.org.uk](mailto:info@reachhaverhill.org.uk)

There is an increasing need for donations of food for the Haverhill Foodbank. Frontline care professionals identify people in crisis and give them a voucher that can be exchanged for a three day supply of food.

Please continue to donate food at Abington Institute and our village churches.

## Speedwatch – volunteers needed

We all see cars and larger vehicles speeding on our stretch of the A1307. The Speedwatch team records car numbers and their speeds and passes these details on to the police to keep our roads safer. Volunteers do not have direct contact with offending motorists. Please get in touch if you are interested in joining us. Training is provided. Teenagers and young adults are especially welcome as they have fast reactions! Contact Trevor Humphries on 07884 283 876 or [trevorhumphries911@googlemail.com](mailto:trevorhumphries911@googlemail.com).

## Dates for your Diary

Date		Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Mon	2	Elderly Keep Fit	10.15am	
Tue	3	Art Group Forget-Me-Not Club Keep Fit Hildersham Parish Council – Hildersham Village Hall	9.30am 2.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	16 9
Wed	4	Yoga course and drop in Yoga course and drop in	9.30am 7.00pm	11 11
Thu	5	Abington Walking Group Hildersham Tea Time	10.00am 3.00pm	17
Sat	7	AALGA BBQ – Allotment site	noon	11
Mon	9	Elderly Keep Fit Abington and Hildersham WI	10.15am 7.30pm	
Tue	10	Art Group Keep Fit Reading Group – 51, Church Lane, Little Abington	9.30am 7.00pm 8.00pm	17
Wed	11	Yoga course and drop in FMNC shopping trip to Morrison's Dynamic Dance Class Yoga course and drop in	9.30am  3.15pm 7.00pm	11 16 11 11
Thu	12	Flower Workshop	10.00am	12
Fri	13	Rainbows Group – Pre-School building Film Night – doors open	3.00pm 6.45pm	5 12
Sat	14	Scrapbooking Group	10.00am	11
Mon	16	Elderly Keep Fit Abington Gardening Club Great Abington Parish Council Little Abington Parish Council	10.15am 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.15pm	16 7 15
Tue	17	Art Group Forget-Me-Not Club Keep Fit	9.30am 2.00pm 7.00pm	16
Wed	18	Yoga course and drop in Mothers' Union – 9 Lewis Crescent Dynamic Dance Class Yoga course and drop in	9.30am 2.30pm 3.15pm 7.00pm	11 6 11 11
Thu	19	Committee for Abington Housing	7.30pm	15
Fri	20	Low Impact Aerobics Pilates Abington Harvest Supper	9.30am 10.45am	11 11 5
Sat	21	Abington Walking Group	10.00am	17
Mon	23	Elderly Keep Fit	10.15am	
Tue	24	Art Group Keep Fit Scrabble Club	9.30am 7.00pm 7.00pm	16
Wed	25	Yoga course and drop in Dynamic Dance Class Yoga course and drop in	9.30am 3.15pm 7.00pm	11 11 11
Thu	26	Abington Lunch	12.45pm	16

Fri	27	<b>Low Impact Aerobics</b> <b>Pilates</b> <b>Family Film Night – doors open</b> <b>Hildersham Lecture – Hildersham Church</b>	9.30am 10.45am 6.15pm 7.30pm	11 11 12 9
Sat	28	<b>Rivercare litter pick up</b> <b>Naturewatch World Rivers Day</b>	9.30am 10.00am	17
Mon	30	<b>Elderly Keep Fit</b>	10.15am	

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

Jennifer Hirsh (tel. 893 352 or email [jennifer@hirsh.demon.co.uk](mailto:jennifer@hirsh.demon.co.uk))

### Jeremiah's Café in Abington Village Institute

#### Opening times in September

Tuesday afternoons	2pm to 4pm (10, 24)
Thursday lunchtimes	11.30am to 1.30pm (5, 12, 19), Abington Lunch on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Friday mornings	8.45am to 11.15am (6, 13, 20, 27) <i>Knit &amp; Natter 10am to 11.15am</i>
Saturday mornings	10am to 12 noon Every Saturday

#### Wheelie bin dates for September 2013

<b>Mon 2</b> <b>Black</b>	<b>Mon 9</b> <b>Green/Blue</b>	<b>Mon 16</b> <b>Black</b>	<b>Mon 23</b> <b>Green/Blue</b>	<b>Mon 30</b> <b>Black</b>
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**Scrapbooking Group** – We meet one Saturday of every month and welcome you to take a look any time and ask questions.

#### **Dynamic Dance Theatre School – Wednesdays from 3.15pm**

Ballet and modern dance lessons for children from 4 years old at Abington Institute. Contact Esme on 07719 816 548 or [esmewatts@hotmail.com](mailto:esmewatts@hotmail.com) for details.

#### **Yoga - Wednesdays 9.30am and 7pm at Abington Institute**

Contact Joan 890 629 or email [joanyoga@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:joanyoga@yahoo.co.uk)

#### **Abington Pre-School Baby and Toddler Group Fridays 9.30am**

This baby and toddler group for 0–3 year olds is held every Friday during term-time from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Pre-School building. Come along for play, chat and refreshments. Contact Louise on 890 237 or email at [louise1108@hotmail.com](mailto:louise1108@hotmail.com)

#### **Low Impact Aerobics – Fridays 9.30-10.30am at Abington Institute**

Suitable for 50+ or those returning to exercise. Aerobics, toning and stretching. Exercises to raise your heart rate and tone your body, fun and friendly.

#### **Pilates – Fridays 10.45-11.45am at Abington Institute.**

Pilates exercises will help to alleviate back pain, increase core strength, improve posture and flexibility. Please book for 5 weeks for Low Impact Aerobics and Pilates. Contact Disa Bennett on 07798 754 029 or [www.zumbaandpilatescambridge.co.uk](http://www.zumbaandpilatescambridge.co.uk)

**AALGA BBQ** – The annual allotment site barbeque will be held on Saturday 7 September from 12noon to 1.30pm. Burgers, hot dogs (with veggie alternatives) and drinks will be on sale on the day. Allotment holders, villagers, and friends are all welcome to attend. This is a good opportunity to walk around the site, see what is being grown and look at different styles of allotment gardening in action.

Brian Heydon-Smith, Chairman

## **Flower Workshops- autumn series at Abington Institute**

Thursday 12 September 2013 10am - 12.30pm and also on Thursday 10 October and 7 November. These three different workshops will use seasonal flowers and themes to create arrangements for you to enjoy. To register your interest or to find out more please get in touch by phone (891 464) or email on [fredasflowers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fredasflowers@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Film Nights return!**

The first **Film Night** this season is on **Friday 13 September**. Doors open **6.45pm**, film starts at 7.00pm.

On **Friday 27 September** there will be a **Family Film Night**. Doors open **6.15pm**, film starts at 6.30pm.

See the poster in the Institute for full details. All welcome. Usual raffle and refreshments. Our licence does not permit advertising of the actual film being shown outside of the premises, to receive details of this and all future Film Nights please subscribe to our mailing list using the link at <http://www.theabingtons.org.uk> or email an enquiry to [films@theabingtons.org.uk](mailto:films@theabingtons.org.uk)

Future dates: 11 October, 1 November, 22 November (Family) and 6 December.

Dianne Dawson (893 101)

## **Are you a GLAM? (That's a Great or Little Abington Mum)**

The GLAMs (originally known as The Yummy Mummy Choir) have been meeting each week on a Wednesday to sing, enjoy ourselves and make new friendships through music. We choose our songs and sing anything from classics to current chart music.

Rehearsals begin at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church Great Abington and will next meet on **Wednesday 11 September**. GLAMs come along equipped with wine and hot water bottles (when needed) and sing until 9pm under the expert direction of Mike Landshoff.

Fancy joining us? Contact Mike at [m.landshoff@gmail.com](mailto:m.landshoff@gmail.com) or Charlotte [cmhadams@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cmhadams@yahoo.co.uk)

The **ABINGTON 10K AND FUN RUN 2013** will take place on Sunday 6 October. There is a place for everyone in the community to get involved – it's time to sign up!

- Runners: If you are interested in running, please enrol now on [www.runnersworld.co.uk](http://www.runnersworld.co.uk). As we sold out last year we will not be accepting on-the-day entries this time. Further information can be found at [www.greatabingtonprimaryschool.co.uk/pta](http://www.greatabingtonprimaryschool.co.uk/pta).
- Marshalls: If you would like to help with race marshalling for the first time, or have done so in the past, please get in touch with Alan Cooke, [alancooke\\_uk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alancooke_uk@yahoo.co.uk).
- Volunteers: We need more help with time keeping, crowd control, and other jobs on the day. If you are able to lend a hand please contact Liz Shields, [lzshlds@googlemail.com](mailto:lzshlds@googlemail.com).
- Bakers: The preschool will be organising the wonderful refreshments stall at the end, and we need enough cakes to feed 600 hungry runners! If you are able to bake or available to help sell cakes on the day, please contact Lizzy Gresham, [elizabethgresham@hotmail.com](mailto:elizabethgresham@hotmail.com).

The Fun Run Committee would like to send a special thank you to Bob and Ravinder at Abington Stores for their generous contribution of £200 to the Abington 10k and Fun Run. Their constant and wide-ranging support of the school and community is admirable and we are so grateful.

Elizabeth Gresham

**French Conversation** The French Conversation Group will resume its meetings on Monday 7 October at 1pm in the small meeting room at the Institute. This is an excellent time to join. You will find the atmosphere relaxed, congenial and supportive. We want to keep using the French we know and bring it up to date. Why not come along to the first session to see what you think. To find out more, please ring Rachel Haining (892 004) or Judy Davies (890 286).

**Italian** The continuing Italian group will recommence on Thursday 10 October at 5.30pm. This small group meets at 74 High Street Great Abington. If you have already done some Italian this might be a good way to build on what you know. At the start there will be lots of revision as well as new material. To learn more about the course, ring Rachel on 892 004.

## **Sawston Medical Centre**

Flu Day at the Practice this year will be on **Saturday 12 October**. You can start booking your flu jab from Monday 2 September – bookings can be made by phone or in person at the Medical Centre.

Here's a reminder of those patients who are eligible to receive flu vaccination on the NHS:

- People aged 65 years or over (including those becoming age 65 by 31 March 2014)
- All pregnant women (including those who become pregnant during the flu season)
- People with a serious medical condition such as:
  - chronic (long-term) respiratory disease, such as severe asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or bronchitis
  - chronic heart disease, such as heart failure
  - chronic kidney disease at stage 3, 4 or 5
  - chronic liver disease
  - chronic neurological disease, e.g. Parkinson's or motor neurone disease
  - diabetes
  - a weakened immune system due to disease (e.g. HIV/AIDS) or treatment (e.g. cancer treatment)
- People living in long-stay residential care homes
- People who are in receipt of a carer's allowance, or those who are the main carer of an older or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if the carer falls ill

Flu is easily transmitted and even people with mild or no symptoms can still infect others. The risk of serious illness from influenza is higher in patients in the above groups, so if you fall into one of the categories above, we would strongly encourage you to book your flu vaccination.

## **Sawston Village College**

**Adult Learning** Our new 2013/2104 Course Programme should by now have arrived through your door. We hope we have included something for everyone this year. However, if you are a group of friends or colleagues who share the same interests, please let us know and we will do our best to organise a short course designed especially for you. Go to our website [www.sawstonadulted.org](http://www.sawstonadulted.org) for all courses available.

We are running various taster sessions on Saturday 7 September and the new term starts week commencing 23 September. Please see our website for further information.

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL.** The office will be open from Tuesday 20 August. Telephone 01223 712 424 between 9.00am –1.00pm. Postal enrolments can be sent at any time and will be processed from the 20 August onwards. **PLEASE ENROL EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.**

## **Around the village**

**Bourn Bridge Road fields:** Many of you will have noticed that the 'For Sale' notices on the old A11 have at last disappeared. The fields on either side of Bourn Bridge Road, between the old A11 and the houses, are now owned by the Cambridge International School at the Temple and Dr Adrian Izzard of Wild Country Organics on Chalky Road.

The school intends to use the part nearer to the old A11 for a small farm, with a few animals, to the north and for playing fields to the south. There is also space for possible future expansion along the old A11. Adrian will be using 15 acres of the north field closer to the houses, and 5 acres of the south field next to the coach road, for his organic farm.

The coach road gives access to Granta Park and is a private right of way for people with business there. The intention is to continue to allow permissive access to Abington residents, though a gate will be erected to stop unauthorised vehicular traffic. Use by cyclists will not be prevented.

Part of the south fields will be left as grass-land for the time being. The school will consider other use – if you are interested, please contact them on 416 938.

## **Notes from Parish Council Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

**TWI developments:** representatives explained that work had just started on earthworks preparatory to the main construction work. Construction will start late 2013 and the site should be fully operational by March 2015 – the hours are limited to 8.00 am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday and 8.00am to 1.00 pm on Saturdays. TWI is aiming to keep the footpath and access routes open as much as possible.

**Scout camp-site:** We had met with the District Council and the Scouts County Executive. Bids are needed by the end of September. We were concerned that the price quoted by Januarys was too high for the Parish Council, even with a loan, and would take legal advice.

### **Planning:**

**S/1519/13/FL:** 55 Church Lane. Single Storey side & rear extension. Recommended approval.

**S/1052/13/RM (S/2466/12/OL):** Developments on TWI site Great Abington. Landscaping and infrastructure. There were no concerns about the proposals.

**Local Development Plan:** South Cambs. District Council is running final consultation on the draft plan. Some of the proposals may impact on the Abingtons. There are further exhibitions around the area in September, including one in Sawston on 2 September.

**Bus Shelter on A1307 eastbound:** installation was discussed and a plan has now been received from the suppliers.

**Highways:** we are nearing final plans and costs for the interactive speed limit signs! Councillor Topping is chasing plans for cycleway improvements.

## Little Abington Parish Council Meetings

Abington Institute, High Street

**Next Meeting: 16 September at 7.15pm**

**Public participation: Come and have your say – 15 minutes, early in meeting**

Peter Brunning (Chairman) tel: 891 960

Email: [pc@brunning.org.uk](mailto:pc@brunning.org.uk)

Genevieve Dalton (Clerk) tel: 893 332

Email: [clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk](mailto:clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk)

## Little Abington Parish Council – Scout Camp Site

The Parish Council has been considering how it can make a bid to buy the campsite, which is listed as a 'community asset'. One option is that the Parish Council should endeavour to acquire the land and let it out to a new charity set up to run it for the benefit of children and young people.

We have been in discussion with the local scouts and other interested parties. We are optimistic that it could be run as a viable concern but it is a big challenge to find the purchase money! January's suggested price is £400,000. It may well be that we have to allow the development of the three bungalows but can acquire the remaining open space, which will then require some new building(s) to service it.

By the time you read this, we will have held an extra Parish Council meeting (on 27 August) to review options and plans for the site. We hope to agree the preferred approach prior to wider consultation with the local community and preparation of the bid. We will publicise progress using the village web-site.

## Committee for Abington Housing

This committee meets again in the Institute at 7.30pm on 19 September. Committee updates can be found on the village web site [www.theabingtons.org.uk](http://www.theabingtons.org.uk). Please feed in your views by getting in touch with Bernie Talbot (892 647) who is the chair of the group. We want as many views as possible so that we can be sure everyone has had their say and that we are meeting the agreed purpose of the committee which is : - *'To fulfil the housing needs and improve amenities for The Abingtons whilst not affecting the overall character of the village. The housing needs as identified in the 2011 Housing Survey and amenities identified in the updated village plan including access to superfast broadband and the provision of a Community Orchard.'* All villagers are invited to participate in the committee's meetings and help with this important work.

The final round of consultation on the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan runs from late July to 30 September. You can access the draft plan via [www.scams.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.scams.gov.uk/localplan), see how it might impact the Abingtons and make a response to the consultation. There will be an exhibition on the Local Plan at Spicer's Pavilion, Sawston between 2.30 and 7.30pm on Monday 2 September.

## Community Fuel Order

Our oil tanks may still be well filled after the recent heat wave. Tara plans to place the next order in early October. Please let her know your requirements by 28 September (tel. 890 647 or at [tara.tonks@btinternet.com](mailto:tara.tonks@btinternet.com)) giving name, address, postcode, phone number/email and quantity of oil to be delivered.





## Abington Lunch

Thursday 26 September 2013



Fruit Juice

**Roast Pork with Gravy & Apple Sauce,  
Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables**

**Blackberry and Apple Crumble with Custard**

Tea or Coffee

Please book your meal on 07789 585 399. Leave your name and telephone number with your message before noon on Tuesday 24 September. Don't forget to tell us if you need a special diet. Please remember doors open at **12.45pm**.

Please note that the lunch is open to **ALL** Abington and Hildersham residents.

**Next lunch Thursday 24 October 2013**

### Forget-Me-Not Club

At our last meeting on Tuesday 23 July the morning was glorious whilst the committee made preparations for the Garden Party at the Old Paddock hosted by Audrey Bugg.

With the Party due to begin at 2pm we were ready and waiting for the first member to arrive when the 'heavens opened'. Some members arrived completely soaked. Brian kindly drove up and down the village looking for members to rescue from the downpour. Finally, thirty-five members enjoyed a full afternoon tea in Audrey's charming old barn (see left). After tea a walk around the gardens in beautiful sunshine was enjoyed by all. Everyone agreed it was a delightful afternoon and we thank Audrey for inviting us all.



The moral of this story is that 'it takes more than a heavy shower of rain to stop members coming to the club!'

**Tuesday 3 Sept** – Cheese and Wine welcome followed by a quiz and ending with tea and cake.

**Wednesday 11 Sept** – Trip to Morrison's supermarket

**Tuesday 17 Sept** – Gaynor Farrant will talk on First Response

During September, Gill will be taking the names of those who wish to have Fish and Chips at the meeting on **Tuesday 1 October (starts 12.30pm)**.

If you wish to join the Forget-Me-Not Club, please just come along to a meeting or contact Anne Hall (892 275).

## Scrabble Club

The next Scrabble Club meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday 24 September in the Institute. New members very welcome. Please bring your own board and tiles if possible.

Sheena Fraser

## Reading Group

A large group attended in August and enjoyed 'Wait for me' by Deborah Devonshire.

10 September	<i>Family Album</i> Penelope Lively	51 Church Lane Little Abington
8 October	<i>Mr Pip</i> Lloyd Jones	74 High St Great Abington

Please confirm your acceptance for September to Dinah Brooks on 892 605

Diana Wingfield

## Abington Gardening Club

On Monday 16 September, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, the Annual General Meeting will take place in the Institute, followed by drinks and nibbles courtesy of the committee. Everybody welcome.

Kay Harman Secretary, (891 730), Email: [harman@onetel.net](mailto:harman@onetel.net)

## Abington Naturewatch

Naturewatch members have enjoyed a butterfly bonanza in the last month. Apart from normal sightings in the village, mainly in gardens, we have had two outings to look at butterflies and flowers.

- Fleam Dyke on July 27 – the highlights were Chalkhill blues, at least 200, and Marbled whites.
- Roman Road on August 10 – the highlights here were two Clouded yellows, a Painted lady and lots of Common blues

Anyone is welcome to join any of our advertised outings and events, you don't need to be a member!

Jennifer Hirsh (893 352)

## World Rivers Day – Saturday 28 September – 10am in Institute

Naturewatch is holding an event, aimed mainly at children, to celebrate World Rivers Day on Saturday 28 September. Come and find out about your river and what lives in it. See for yourself some of the creatures that make it their home. Starting on the Terrace in the Institute at 10am, entry from front or back of building.

If you would like to attend, please contact David Farrant on 892 871.

## Abington Walking Group

Our August walks took us to Brinkley/Carlton followed by a hardy eight of us on a wet and muddy trip to Streetly End/Horseheath & Cardinals Green.



The September walks are on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>.

For those new to the village or new to walking a reminder that we meet outside The Institute at 10am where we share cars to the start of our walk which is generally about 5 miles. To cover insurance we make a £1 charge per walker. Children and dogs are free and very welcome.

For further information, please contact Robin Harman on 891 730 or email at [harman@onetel.net](mailto:harman@onetel.net) or George Woodley on 891 169 or [georgewoodley@talktalk.net](mailto:georgewoodley@talktalk.net)

## **News from Linton Health Centre**

**Nurse Practitioner Service** We are very pleased to welcome Carole Ayres to our practice team this month. Carole is an experienced nurse practitioner previously working in Harlow. She will be working alongside Fiona Wharton, our longstanding practice nurse and newly qualified independent prescriber, to provide appointments for patients with acute health problems. Nurse practitioners are highly experienced primary care nurses who have undertaken extensive additional training in diagnostic skills and prescribing. They will work alongside our 'duty doctor' to provide on the day appointments for children and adults, with a wide variety of conditions. When you call to book an urgent appointment our receptionists will ask you the nature of your problem to ensure you are booked with the most appropriate staff member.

**Electronic medical records** Our state-of-the art computer system, SystmOne, is now used by the out-of-hours GP service, the district nurses, health visitors and other NHS community teams. As such, it is possible to share your medical information electronically between those involved in your care, with the aim of providing a more integrated service. You retain control of your own record - you decide which health worker can view your GP notes, and whether your GP can view your notes from the other services. We will be asking you about your 'sharing preferences' when you visit the surgery. Pick up a leaflet or visit the web-site for more information.

**Dr. Laurence Kemp**

### **Flu Clinics and Shingles Vaccination – autumn 2013**

We are already starting to plan for our flu clinics for October. Those over the age of 65, and those in clinical at risk groups, are recommended to have a flu jab every year. We will be offering four Saturday clinics in October and you will be able to book an appointment in one of the clinics from mid-September. Please come to a Saturday clinic if you possibly can to enable us to offer our usual general surgery appointments during the week.

This year, for the first time, flu immunisation will be offered to all children whose date of birth falls between 2/9/2009 and 1/9/2011 inclusive. This is a nasal spray vaccination and we will be making special arrangements for children to receive their vaccination




Another first in 2013 is that the shingles vaccination is being offered to patients born between 2/9/1942 and 1/9/1943 inclusive and those born between 2/9/1933 and 1/9/1934 inclusive. The shingles vaccination is a one-off vaccine given at the same time as the flu jab. We anticipate that the age bands for both the flu vaccine for children and the shingles for adults will be extended next year. This year, we are strictly limited to vaccinating only those patients whose date of birth falls in to the ranges specified.

**Practice Nurses – Linton Health Centre**

### **Is renewable energy for you? - Notes from Cambs. County Council Trading Standards**

As solar panels become a common sight, you may be wondering what options are available to you to save or even generate your own energy. The Energy Saving Trust ([www.energysavingtrust.org.uk](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk)) is an independent organisation that provides free, expert advice on saving energy in your home. Their website contains extensive information, and they also have a helpline on 0300 1231234 (national rate). If you can't pay for improvements up front, the Government's Green Deal Scheme allows for repayment over a period of time through your energy bills. As with any finance arrangement, make sure you know how much you will have to repay in total, what the monthly charges will be, and check the interest rate is competitive with other finance options. ([www.gov.uk/green-deal-energy-saving-measures](http://www.gov.uk/green-deal-energy-saving-measures)) You should also be aware that with Green Deal the debt attaches to the property, so if you sell it, your buyer will have to take over the debt. For advice on finance options, contact the local Citizens Advice Bureau. If you encounter problems with an assessor, installer or any other type of business please contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline, on 08454 040 506 (national rate).

## **Church Services for September 2013**

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Gt. Abington</i> 	<i>Lt. Abington</i> 	<i>Hildersham</i> 	<i>Readings</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> September	10.45am Communion		9.15am Communion	Jeremiah 2. 4-13 Luke 14. 1, 7-14
8 <sup>th</sup> September		8.00am Communion 6.00 pm Evensong	10.45am All Praise	Jeremiah 18. 1-11 Luke 14. 25-33
15 <sup>th</sup> September	10.45am Communion		9.15am Communion	Jeremiah 4. 11-12, 22-28 Luke 15. 1-10
22 <sup>nd</sup> September		8.00am Communion 10.45am All Praise - Harvest and Art Service	6.00pm Evensong	Jeremiah 8. 18-9.1 Luke 16. 1-13
29 <sup>th</sup> September	10.45am Combined	Service at	West Wratting	

### **Church Flower Rota**

	<i>Great Abington</i>	<i>Little Abington</i>	<i>Hildersham</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> Sept.	Gilly Maynard	Mrs Snell	Mrs Morton
8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Gilly Maynard	Mrs Marns	Mrs Hall
15 <sup>th</sup> Sept		Mrs Marns	Mrs Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Zoe Luscombe	Mrs Gilmour	Mrs Myer
29 <sup>th</sup> Sept		Mrs Gilmour	Mrs Myer

### **Churchwardens**

Hildersham	Keith Day	Fourwinds, Linton Road, Hildersham	891 527
	Cathy Myer	Woodside, Hildersham	892 848
Great Abington	Janet Stanley	Abington Park Farm, Great Abington	892 110
	Vacancy		
Little Abington	Patrick Daunt	4 Bourn Bridge Road, Little Abington	891 485
	Vacancy		



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**October 2013**



Photo by Peter Brunning

**Cheerful but wet walkers at Streetly End  
24 August 2013**

## Letter from the Editor

The harvest has been celebrated at the United Reform Church (page 6) and at the Abingtons. If you missed those there is another celebration to come at Hildersham church on 13 October. Bible Sunday on 27 October will be marked at Holy Trinity, Hildersham by reference to the beautifully illustrated Lindisfarne Gospels associated with St Cuthbert. There will be an opportunity for tuition in calligraphy before the service (page 8).

Harvest Festivals always involve singing well-loved and cheerful hymns. But the GLAMs can delight in convivial singing every Wednesday (see page 12). For those who prefer to listen, the Kings Taverners concert at Hildersham promises an entertaining evening (page 8).

Discussions are continuing about funding a Parish Nurse (page 4) and there are opportunities this month for some training for those wishing to know more about dealing with health issues (pages 5, 7). Don't forget that flu clinics are at Linton Health Centre on four Saturdays in October and on 12 October at Sawston Medical Centre.

The Abington Parish Councils have active plans for creating a pocket park and for seeking funds to secure the Scout camp site (pages 7, 13). The Committee for Abington Housing is to make a formal submission on the Local Plan. Watch out for details that will be delivered to everyone (page 14).

There is real concern about the dangerous crossroads from Hildersham to Pampisford Road. In the interests of road safety we welcome the news that Little Abington Parish Council has secured funds for interactive speed signs on the A1307 (pages 7, 13).

Abington School needs new governors. The Pre-School has its AGM this month and also seeks new participants. Details are on page 14.

Good luck to all participants in the 10k and Fun Run on 6 October (page 12). Congratulations to the Abington Cricket Club whose end-of-term report charts great success (page 17). The darts league season has just begun and the Abington Social Club welcomes supporters (page 17).

**British Summer Time ends Sunday 27 October when the clocks go back one hour.**

Valerie Silvey

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should be sent to the Editor by Tuesday 15 October 2013 at**

**[news@theabingtons.org.uk](mailto:news@theabingtons.org.uk)**

**Photographs of local events are always welcome**

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## From the Vicarage

Our work to raise funds to employ a Parish Nurse for three days a week in the seven parishes of Great and Little Abington, Balsham, Hildersham, West Wrating, Weston Colville and West Wickham continues. Sue Evans is a Parish Nurse in Burwell. She was recently asked to give some answers to questions frequently asked about her role. Here are the questions, Sue's replies, and my comments on the local plan.

### Frequently asked questions about Parish Nurses

**Q: *Who funds a Parish Nurse (PN)?***

Sue: The PN is employed by the church that she/he is attached to and so will be funded by them, although the church can look for grants to support this. PNs may be voluntary or paid.

Julie: In this case the PN will work with seven churches and seven parishes. We are seeking to employ the PN because this increases the pool of available state registered nurses (there may be more available in large towns or cities). We are looking for grants to do this.

**Q: *Will the PN overlap with the duties of NHS nurses?***

Sue: There may be some small areas of overlap but PNs do not work in competition with NHS nurses and do not undertake invasive care such as dressings or injections. The role of the PN is to enhance the care available from Health and Social Services.

Julie: The PN here will have honorary contracts with local GP surgeries. This will make collaboration easier between health care providers and give access to records and facilities.

**Q: *What qualifications does a PN need?***

Sue: A PN is a registered nurse who is a Christian and who may have experience of working in the community.

**Q: *Does this mean that a PN only looks after people who go to church?***

Sue: A PN sees people of all faiths and none so NOT just those who come to that church.

Julie: Caring for people is what the church does. Seeking wholeness and well-being of both individuals and communities is our remit. This does not depend on whether people go to church. Employing a PN is complementary to everything else that we do.

**Q: *What are the views of the RCN (Royal College of Nursing), etc?***

Sue: The role of PN is accepted as another branch of nursing by professional bodies such as RNC, NMC and HVA.

Julie: We see it as significant that the PN will network with other health professionals to enable people to get the services that they need.

**Q: *How will the PN role relate to voluntary groups?***

Sue: A PN will refer patients to voluntary groups as appropriate, just as other members of primary health care do.

Julie: There are already some local voluntary groups who have expressed an interest in working with the PN.

**Q: *What about confidentiality? Who will have access to the PN records?***

Sue: PN record keeping is the same as anywhere else – records are kept in a locked cabinet in a locked room and stored for seven years. The records in the patient's house belong to the patient who can show them to others or keep them private.

Julie: The PN will work with other professionals in the church and Health Service to build people's trust through good practice.

### Things to look out for this month

**Fun Run Songs of Praise** at 6pm on 6 October at Great Abington Church.

**Hildersham Harvest Festival** will be at 10.45am on 13 October.

**All you wanted to know about First Aid and more.** 7.30pm, 24 October, Balsham Church Institute (see News from the Pews).

**A Celebration of St Cuthbert Service** at Hildersham Church at 6.30pm on 27 October following an opportunity during the afternoon to learn some calligraphy.

**A Study on Amos** 7.30pm, 30 October at Cathy Myer's house, Woodside, in Hildersham.

**Revd Julie Norris**

## News from the Pews

The GLAMs Choir is back in Great Abington Church on Wednesday evenings after their summer break. It is now one year since the choir was formed. Well done to Mike for his commitment and to the ladies also. During the winter months they all sing clutching hot water bottles – a funny sight indeed.

The John Chaplin Open Church Project fundraising team has been very active over the summer working on future events, with the Cambridge Chord Company entertaining us again on 6 December, and the GLAMs Choir singing Christmas songs outside the Institute near to Christmas. There are numerous varied events planned for 2014; look out for posters giving details.

**The Rainbow Explorers Group** will meet on Friday 11 October in the School Hall. The theme for this term is Loving Kindness.

**Mothers' Union** Combined service with Balsham (see below).

**All you wanted to know about First Aid and more** As part of our Parish Nurse Project (trying to plan and fund a Parish Nurse in the seven churches) we are holding a series of health talks. On this occasion there will be a talk by a Nurse Practitioner, a chance to meet a manikin and an opportunity to ask questions about what to do when you are the one on the scene when First Aid is needed – at 7.30pm, 24 October, Balsham Church Institute.

**All Age Praise** this month is at Great Abington Church at 10.45am on 20 October. This is a shorter service with something for everyone.

**A Study on Amos** The first of three Old Testament Studies to look at some of the hard words of the Bible at 7.30pm, 30 October at Cathy Myer's house, Woodside, in Hildersham. You are welcome to come along.

**Giving Bibles to China** There is to be tea, coffee and cake and a discussion at 3pm on 26 October at Balsham Church Institute. Donations will be invited to buy Bibles for people to read in their own language. This will lead into the Bible Sunday service on 27 October.

**Bible Sunday Service** 10.45am on 27 October at Little Abington.

**PCC Meeting** The next meeting will be a joint meeting of the six PCCs in Balsham Church at 7.30pm on 31 October.

**Service of Commemoration of the Faithful Departed** This service will take place in Little Abington Church at 6.30pm on 4 November. If you wish your loved ones to be remembered at this service, please leave names in an envelope marked 'Commemoration Service' in the Church or at the Vicarage.

**Charity for the Month** is the Church Urban Fund, a charitable organisation set up by the Church of England in 1987 to assist in deprived and impoverished areas of the country. There are charity collection boxes in both churches.

**Anne Hall**

### Mothers' Union

Our October meeting, which is a joint meeting with Balsham and Linton MU branches, is at 2.30pm on Wednesday 16 October in Hildersham Church. The speaker will be Emma Meade and her talk is called 'Taste and see that the Lord is good'. Emma is a remarkable person. She has been completely blind since she was a baby but manages a full-time job and to live independently with only the reading of her letters by a volunteer to help her. She also has a very lively Christian faith, which she enjoys sharing with other people. After hearing a talk on this subject, tea and a piece of cake is essential.

### Harvest Workshop at Balsham Church Institute from 10am, 5 October

Come and join the activities, games and sample the refreshments. For more information contact Sharon Clark (tel. 893 043) or Revd Kathy Bishop (tel. 892 288).



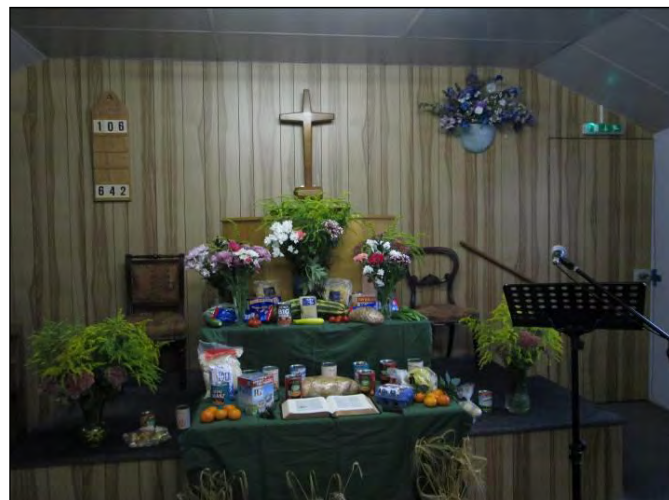
## United Reformed Church, Little Abington

The services in October are as follows:

6 October 10.15am Revd A J Spring  
13 October 10.15am Mrs Maureen Kendall  
20 October 2.30pm Revd Bruce Waldron (Holy Communion)  
27 October 10.15am Revd Alex Jacobs

We celebrated our Harvest Festival on Sunday 15 September. This service gives thanks to God for the natural world and its harvests and was based on Psalm 104.

Among the beautiful arrangements of flowers, berries and vines were offerings of foodstuffs which, this year, we are donating to the Foodbank. This year's service was led by Revd Bruce Waldron, just home from his sabbatical in his native Australia.



## Poppy Appeal 2013

The appeal starts on Saturday 26 October and runs until Saturday 9 November so I urge you, please, to give generously when a collector calls at your house and support this very worthwhile cause.

For further information or offers of help please contact me.

Kay Harman, tel: 891 730, email: [harman@onetel.net](mailto:harman@onetel.net)

Poppy Appeal Organiser, Babraham, Hildersham and Abingtons

## Recreation Ground and Youth Facilities – Vandalism!

The recreation ground committee has always tried to provide amenities for all age groups in the village. The possibility of installing equipment, such as a zip wire, which older children and young people might enjoy, has been discussed. However, at present the committee is reluctant to do this because, recently, there has been so much broken glass and litter on the ground and it is thought that this has been left by older children and teenagers. We know that it is only a small minority of the young people who do this but the result is that the ground becomes unsightly and broken glass can cause injury to children, tennis players and dogs. Clearing it up is an unnecessary added expense, meaning a larger bill for all villagers, who fund us indirectly through council tax and also resulting in less money being available for any new equipment.

## Mobile Library

Tuesday 15 October 2013, times as follows.

Little Abington, West Field	10.00–10.30am
Great Abington, North Road	10.40–11.10am
Magna Close	11.20am–12.10pm
The Shop	12.15–12.35pm
Hildersham Church Green	12.45–1.00pm

## Great Abington Parish Council – An Active Council

**Pocket Park** The Parish Council plans for making a pocket park behind Great Abington church have received excellent support from the village. Volunteers are ready to start clearing the land and lots of suggestions have been received about ways in which this area could be used. These include ideas both for the preservation of wild life and for the enjoyment of the villagers. At present we are waiting for the final details of the boundaries of the land we can use and also written agreement from the owners.

**First Aid Course** The Parish Council has agreed to pay for a short first aid course for any parishioner who wishes to learn more about this. It is expected that the course will take place in November. If you would like to attend please contact Gaynor Farrant – by e-mail – [gaynorfarrant198@btinternet.com](mailto:gaynorfarrant198@btinternet.com) or phone – 892 871. You will be able to tell her what would be of most interest to you (perhaps first aid for children or for elderly people) and also what time of day you would be most likely to be able to attend. If oversubscribed, priority will be given to residents of Great Abington.

### Road Safety Issues

**Hildersham crossroads** The Parish Council has become increasingly concerned about this road junction. Turning is difficult and potentially dangerous especially when turning right and approaching from Hildersham and the road is busy. The council thinks that the installation of added safety measures should be a priority. In the past when this has been requested, nothing further has been achieved. It has therefore been agreed to campaign more vigorously for this, possibly in conjunction with Hildersham Parish Council.

**Parking cars on pavements** This has once again become a problem in the village. It is important that mobility vehicles and baby buggies have enough room on the pavement to prevent them from having to use the road, as pushing a baby buggy or chair out behind a parked car could cause an accident to a vulnerable person or a child. Parking in this way is also illegal, an offence for which you could be given a fixed penalty fine. The Parish Council will ask our police to look out for cars parked on pavements when they patrol through the village.

### Planning Applications

S/1914/13/FL – 145 High Street – single storey extension to replace garage – Parish Council recommended approval.

S/1778/13/FL – 163 High Street – single storey rear and side extension – Parish Council recommended approval.

### Great Abington Parish Council Meetings Abington Village Institute

**Planning meetings:** Usually on Mondays, as required, at 6.45pm. See notice board for dates or contact the Parish Clerk.

**Next Parish Council Meeting – 7.30pm, Monday 18 November.** There will be an opportunity for parishioners to raise matters of concern or interest with the council early in the meeting.

**Bernie Talbot (Chairman) tel. 892 647**

Agenda and minutes posted on GAPC notice board or available from the Parish Clerk.

Sally Smith: news (891 384); Paula Harper (Clerk): [harper802@btinternet.com](mailto:harper802@btinternet.com) (892 000)

## Hildersham Focus

### It's Teatime

The next village Teatime will be held on 3 October in the Village Hall between 3pm and 4.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

### 'Angels in the Architecture'

The **Kings Taverners** will present their usual mix of engaging music and readings at 7.30pm on Saturday 19 October at Holy Trinity Church, Hildersham. The title of this year's concert is 'Angels in the Architecture', so come and find them!

There will be a short interval during which wine and light refreshments will be served.

Admission is £8 by programme on the door. This is always a delightful evening – don't miss it.

### 'Someone has to do it: my life as a motoring correspondent'

The October Hildersham Lecture will be given by Rodney Tibbs, former motoring correspondent for the Cambridge Evening News (as it was then known, now the Cambridge News). Rodney Tibbs writes, 'Rushing around the globe staying at top hotels and driving the latest cars sounds like the ultimate job, but is it? This talk is a glimpse of a Cinderella-like existence in which at midnight you are likely to return to reality!' Rodney's slides will take us on a visual journey that will leave us breathless and possibly glad to be going home to our own beds.

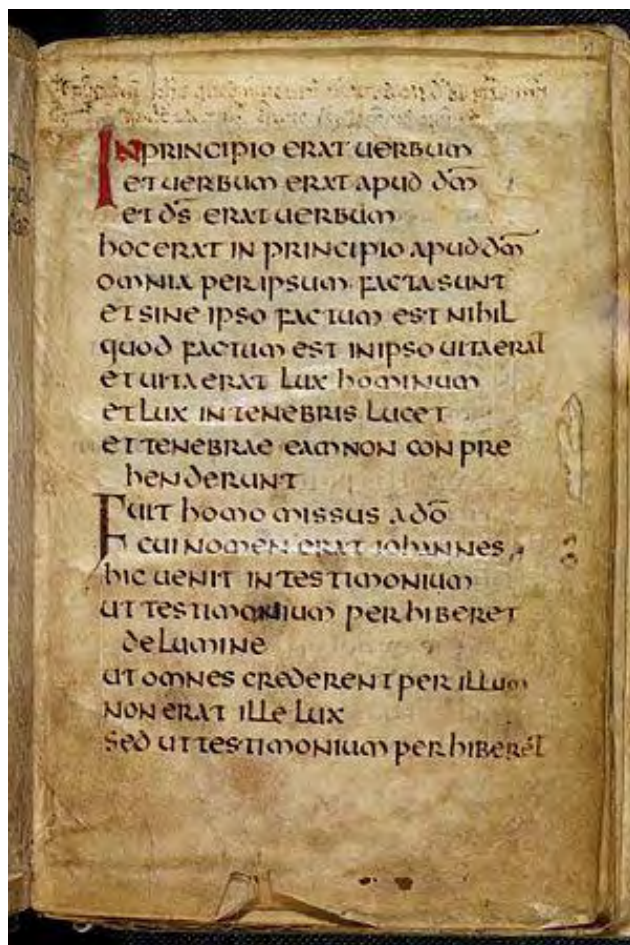
**Friday 25 October**, 7.30pm at Hildersham Church. Tickets, including refreshments, £5, family ticket £10.

### St Cuthbert Evensong

**27 October** is Bible Sunday. The service of Evensong will be a celebration of the written Bible from earliest scripted writing to a variety of modern printed editions.

The St Cuthbert Gospel, produced in the late seventh century at the monastery of Wearmouth-Jarrow in the north-east of England, is one of the world's most significant books. This small, handwritten copy of St John's Gospel is the earliest intact European book, retaining its beautifully decorated original binding, and is associated with Cuthbert, one of Britain's most renowned and popular saints. The book was apparently placed in his coffin at Lindisfarne Priory in 698 and lay with his body for over 400 years. It was discovered in 1104 when the coffin was opened in Durham Cathedral. By that date, the body of St Cuthbert and the book had already travelled far from Lindisfarne, across northern England and southern Scotland. The book subsequently continued its 1,300-year-long journey and has now been bought for the nation by the British Library.

Barry Jones has made his own beautiful copy of the opening verses of the Gospel and this now hangs on the North wall of the church. Barry will lead a calligraphy workshop in the church from 4.30 to 5.30pm. There will be a break for tea followed by a celebration Evensong at 6pm. Calligraphy workshop places are limited so please book a place with Cathy Myer on 892 848.



## **The Pear Tree**

Sadly, our favourite pub, the Pear Tree, has been closed for over a month. A rather forlorn notice informs us that this is because the cellar cooler was irreversibly broken following a power cut. The cost of repairs is in thousands and no insurance is available. The owners are busy raising the funds to buy a new cooler and have decided that this is also a suitable opportunity to renovate both the kitchen and the accommodation upstairs. There is thus likely to be some delay in re-opening. In the meantime the B & B continues as before. We all wish Helen, Sholto and Poppy every success in their endeavours, because without the Pear Tree, Hildersham is just not the same place. Watch this space!

## **Hildersham Parish Council** **A Quality Parish Council**



### **Report on the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 3rd September 2013**

**Parish Council meeting – new start time** To enable Abington Jeremiah Cubs pack to meet in the village hall every Tuesday night, the Parish Councillors have agreed that a later start time of 8.00pm will be adopted from November.

**Neighbourhood Plan** Neighbourhood plans have statutory powers, enable local councils to create a vision for future development and could give councils greater control over planning on questions of design. The neighbourhood plan can also cover other areas such as transport, roads, housing and the environment; the local councils can decide which areas to cover. The Parish Council has agreed that, in principle, it would like to proceed with creating a neighbourhood plan working with Linton Parish Council, subject to a clear statement of the exact costs and time commitment that would be required from Parish Councillors.

**Community Asset** The Council agreed to make an application to the District Council to have the Pear Tree public house listed as an asset of community value. It is hoped that this status will make it more likely that the building will remain a village pub.

**Recreation ground** Not all the tree work scheduled to take place in the Recreation Ground in August happened, as one contractor was concerned about an overhead cable. The Council are hoping this work will happen soon. At the last meeting, the Council agreed to employ a contractor to replace a section of pipe on the Recreation Ground to try to improve drainage.

**Overhanging branches** Please can householders trim back their boundary plants and trees, if they are overhanging roads and pathways. Overhanging plants are particularly hazardous as the darker evenings draw in.

**Useful website** Our District and County Councillor Roger Hickford has set up a website to keep parishioners informed of local government news and to supply helpful links to other sites and consultations. The website is <http://RogerHickford.com>

### **South Cambridgeshire District Council Local Plan**

The consultation has been extended until 14 October. This is your chance to comment on the local plan and highlight your concerns or priorities for local planning policy.

**The next meeting of Hildersham Parish Council will be on Tuesday 12 November 2013 from 8pm at Hildersham Village Hall, High Street, Hildersham.**

## Dates for your Diary

Date		Venue Abington Institute unless stated	Time	Page
Tue	1	Art Group Forget-Me-Not Club fish and chip lunch Keep Fit	9.30am 12.30pm 7.00pm	15
Wed	2	Yoga course and drop in Dynamic Dance Class Yoga course and drop in	9.30am 3.15pm 7.00pm	11 11 11
Thu	3	Abington Walking Group Hildersham Tea Time	10.00am 3.00pm	16 8
Fri	4	Low Impact Aerobics Pilates	9.30am 10.45am	11 11
Sat	5	Scrapbooking Group	10.00am	11
Sun	6	10k and Fun Run – Granta Park	10.30am	12
Mon	7	Elderly Keep Fit French Conversation Abington Gardening Club	10.15am 1.00pm 7.30pm	12 16 16
Tue	8	Art Group Reading Group – 74, High Street, Great Abington	9.30am 8.00pm	15
Wed	9	Yoga course and drop in FMNC shopping trip to Morrison's Dynamic Dance Class Yoga course and drop in	9.30am 3.15pm 7.00pm	11 15 11 11
Thur	10	Flower Workshop	10.00am	12
Fri	11	Low Impact Aerobics Pilates Rainbows Group – School Hall Film Night – doors open	9.30am 10.45am 6.45pm	11 11 5 12
Sat	12	Naturewatch	10.30am	16
Mon	14	Elderly Keep Fit French Conversation Abington and Hildersham WI	10.15am 1.00pm 7.30pm	12 16 16
Tue	15	Art Group Forget-Me-Not Club Keep Fit	9.30am 2.00pm 7.00pm	15
Wed	16	Yoga course and drop in Mothers' Union – Hildersham Church Dynamic Dance Class Yoga course and drop in	9.30am 2.30pm 3.15pm 7.00pm	11 5 11 11
Fri	18	Low Impact Aerobics Pilates	9.30am 10.45am	11 11
Sat	19	Abington Walking Group Kings Taverners Concert – Hildersham Church	10.00am 7.30pm	16 8
Mon	21	Elderly Keep Fit French Conversation	10.15am 1.00pm	12
Tue	22	Art Group Keep Fit Scrabble Club	9.30am 7.00pm 7.00pm	16
Wed	23	Yoga course and drop in	9.30am	11

		<b>Dynamic Dance Class</b>	3.15pm	11
		<b>Yoga course and drop in</b>	7.00pm	11
Thu	24	<b>Abington Lunch</b>	12.45pm	15
		<b>Committee for Abington Housing</b>	6.30pm	14
Fri	25	<b>Low Impact Aerobics</b>	9.30am	11
		<b>Pilates</b>	10.45am	11
		<b>Hildersham Lecture – Hildersham Church</b>	7.30pm	8
Sat	26	<b>Rivercare litter pick up</b>	9.30am	
Mon	28	<b>Elderly Keep Fit</b>	10.15am	
		<b>French Conversation</b>	1.00pm	12
		<b>Little Abington Parish Council</b>	7.15pm	13
Tue	29	<b>Art Group</b>	9.30am	
		<b>Forget-Me-Not Club</b>	2.00pm	15
		<b>Keep Fit</b>	7.00pm	
Wed	30	<b>Yoga course and drop in</b>	9.30am	11
		<b>Yoga course and drop in</b>	7.00pm	11

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

Jennifer Hirsh (tel. 893 352 or email [jennifer@hirsh.demon.co.uk](mailto:jennifer@hirsh.demon.co.uk))

### Jeremiah's Café in Abington Village Institute

#### Opening times in October

Tuesday afternoons	2pm to 4pm (8, 22)
Thursday lunchtimes	11.30am to 1.30pm (3, 10, 17, 31), Abington Lunch on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Friday mornings	8.45am to 11.15am Every Friday <i>Knit &amp; Natter 10am to 11.15am</i>
Saturday mornings	10am to 12 noon Every Saturday

### Wheelie bin dates for October 2013

<b>Mon 7</b>	<b>Mon 14</b>	<b>Mon 21</b>	<b>Mon 28</b>
<b>Green/Blue</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Green/Blue</b>	<b>Black</b>

**Scrapbooking Group** – We meet one Saturday of every month and welcome you to take a look any time and ask questions.

**Dynamic Dance Theatre School – Wednesdays from 3.15pm**

Ballet and modern dance lessons for children from 4 years old at Abington Institute. Contact Esme on 07719 816 548 or [esmewatts@hotmail.com](mailto:esmewatts@hotmail.com) for details.

**Yoga - Wednesdays 9.30am and 7pm at Abington Institute**

Contact Joan 890 629 or email [joanyoga@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:joanyoga@yahoo.co.uk).

**Low Impact Aerobics – Fridays 9.30-10.30am at Abington Institute**

Suitable for 50+ or those returning to exercise. Aerobics, toning and stretching. Exercises to raise your heart rate and tone your body, fun and friendly.

**Pilates – Fridays 10.45-11.45am at Abington Institute.**

Pilates exercises will help to alleviate back pain, increase core strength, improve posture and flexibility. Please book for 5 weeks for Low Impact Aerobics and Pilates. Contact Disa Bennett on 07798 754 029 or [www.zumbaandpilatescambridge.co.uk](http://www.zumbaandpilatescambridge.co.uk).

**Abington Pre-School Baby and Toddler Group Fridays 9.30am**

This baby and toddler group for 0–3 year olds is held every Friday during term-time from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Pre-School building. Come along for play, chat and refreshments. Contact Louise on 890 237 or email at [louise1108@hotmail.com](mailto:louise1108@hotmail.com).

**French Conversation Group** will resume at 1pm on Monday 7 October in the small meeting room at the Institute. We aim to keep using the French we know and bring it up to date. Why not come along to the first session to see what you think. To find out more, please ring Rachel Haining (892 004) or Judy Davies (890 286).

**Italian** The continuing Italian group will recommence at 5.30pm on Thursday 10 October, meeting at 74 High Street, Great Abington. At the start there will be lots of revision as well as new material. To learn more about the course, ring Rachel on 892 004.

**GLAMs Choir** Rehearsals begin at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Great Abington and will meet every **Wednesday**. GLAMs come along with wine and hot water bottles (when needed) and sing until 9pm under the expert direction of Mike Landshoff. Fancy joining us? Contact Mike ([m.landshoff@gmail.com](mailto:m.landshoff@gmail.com)) or Charlotte ([cmhadams@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cmhadams@yahoo.co.uk)).

### **Flower Workshops – autumn series at Abington Institute**

Thursday 10 October 2013 from 10am–12.30pm and also on Thursday 7 November. These different workshops will use seasonal flowers and themes to create arrangements for you to enjoy. To register your interest or to find out more please get in touch by phone (891 464) or email on [fredasflowers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fredasflowers@hotmail.co.uk).

### **Film Night at Abington Institute**

This month **Film Night** is on **Friday 11 October**. Doors open 6.45pm, film starts at 7pm. Usual raffle and refreshments. See the poster in the Institute for full details. All welcome. If you would like details of this and all future film nights please subscribe to our mailing list using the link at <http://www.theabingtons.org.uk> or email [films@theabingtons.org.uk](mailto:films@theabingtons.org.uk).

Future dates: 1 November, 22 November (family) and 6 December.

Dianne Dawson (893 101)

### **Abington 10k and Fun Run**

The race is now upon us! **SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER** at 10.30am from Granta Park, running through the former Land Settlement and village – please take care when driving or horse riding along these routes.

- Runners: If you are interested in running, please enrol now on [www.runnersworld.co.uk](http://www.runnersworld.co.uk), as we sold out last year will not be accepting on-the-day entries this time. Further information can be found at [www.greatabingtonprimaryschool.co.uk/pta](http://www.greatabingtonprimaryschool.co.uk/pta).
- Marshalls: If you would like to help with race marshalling for the first time, or have done so in the past, please get in touch with Alan Cooke, [alancooke\\_uk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alancooke_uk@yahoo.co.uk).
- Volunteers: We need more help with time keeping, crowd control, and other jobs on the day. If you are able to lend a hand please contact Liz Shields, [lzshlds@googlemail.com](mailto:lzshlds@googlemail.com).
- Bakers: The preschool will be organising the wonderful refreshments stall at the end, and we need enough cakes to feed 600 hungry runners! If you are able to bake or available to help sell cakes on the day, please contact Lizzy Gresham, [elizabethgresham@hotmail.com](mailto:elizabethgresham@hotmail.com).

### **Abington History Group – New booklet**

The Group is in the process of producing a booklet with various articles and illustrations on the history of the Abingtons based on our recent research.

This should be on sale at the beginning of November and would make a good Christmas present for your family and friends. If you would like to pre-order a copy, send an email to [Jennifer@hirsh.demon.co.uk](mailto:Jennifer@hirsh.demon.co.uk) or phone on 893 352

## **Around the village**

**Scout camp site** The site was put back on the market at the beginning of September, with a closing date of 30 September for bids. The Scouts hope to achieve exchange of contracts straight after the moratorium due its community asset status. The Parish Council has considered various options for acquiring the land and ensuring it is maintained as an open space for community benefit. At our meeting on 16 September, we discussed the following options:

- Purchase using grant funding or a loan
- Acquiring the 'open space' only by working with a developer
- Working with a third party interested in retaining the educational and leisure use

We decided that our best option was working with the Cambridge International School to explore further the possibility of exploiting the educational value of the site, while still making it available to the scouts and other groups working with children and young people.

**Domestic gas supply** In the March News, following a question to the Parish Council, we asked if there was any interest. We felt that there would need to be evidence of a big demand, or perhaps a major new development, to justify the cost and disruption of laying on a domestic supply in the village. After a reminder in the May News, we have still had very little interest, so do not plan to pursue it further.

## **Notes from Parish Council Meeting on 27 August**

### **Planning**

**S/1696/13/FL & S/1697/13/LB Old House, 47 High Street.** Alterations; removal of conservatory and cart shed, replacement structures, new link and internal alterations. Recommended approval without any comments.

**S1449/12/FL & S/1450/12/LB Worsted Lodge, Babraham.** Alterations and conversion of granary and cart lodges to live/work unit. Amendments noted; recommended approval without any comments.

**Tree works 43 Cambridge Road.** No comments. It was noted that one of the trees in question, a beech, is subject to a Tree Preservation Order.

**Bus shelters** An estimate for repairs to the High Street shelter was accepted. The shelter on the westbound side of the A1307 has been cleaned by volunteers from the Parish Council and local residents. Plans for a shelter on the eastbound side of the A 1307 have been agreed with the supplier and landowner; we are investigating funding before going ahead and may wait for a suitable grant opportunity.

**Highways** We have at last got all the costs for the interactive speed limit signs sorted out. *Stop press: we decided on 16 September to go ahead.*

**Local Development Plan** the consultation period now ends on 14 October – hurry!

### **Little Abington Parish Council Meetings**

Abington Institute, High Street

**Next Meeting: Monday 28 October**

**Public participation: Come and have your say – 15 minutes, early in meeting**

Peter Brunning (Chairman) tel: 891 960

Email: [pc@brunning.org.uk](mailto:pc@brunning.org.uk)

Genevieve Dalton (Clerk) tel: 893 332

Email: [clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk](mailto:clerk@littleabington.clara.co.uk)



## Committee for Abington Housing

The committee is still striving to achieve its agreed aim and also to ensure that all villagers have the opportunity to know what it is doing. To that end this is update number 10 on the work of the committee. All previous committee updates can be accessed via the *News* link on the village website [www.theabingtons.org.uk](http://www.theabingtons.org.uk).

We have been working closely with SCDC to explore the best way of achieving our aims in connection with the drafting of the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan, which is currently under consultation; the deadline has been extended until 14 October. The extension of deadline is due to difficulties within SCDC and not just to fit in with publication of this edition of the *Abington and Hildersham News*. You can look at or feed comments into the Local Plan consultation via [www.scambs.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/localplan).

The committee met on 19 September and agreed to make a formal submission to the Local Plan consultation. The submission comments on various aspects of the draft plan but most significantly asks for slight adjustments to the Great Abington village framework boundary. The requested adjustments would enable the limited development that the committee is seeking to go ahead without opening the flood gates for further development. **In order to support the submission to the Local Plan a detailed consultation will be carried out in the near future. This is being prepared with the help of SCDC and will go into every home in the next few weeks. It is important that as many people as possible respond to the consultation.**

As always please feel free to feed in your views by getting in touch with Bernie Talbot or by participating in the committee's meetings and helping with this important work to safeguard all that is precious about our village while bringing about limited and sustainable growth to meet the housing needs of our community. The committee next meets at 6.30pm on 24 October in the Abington Institute.

## Great Abington Primary School: Vacancies for Community Governors

Here we are at the start of a new school year and as a result of people moving on we have two vacancies for Community Governors on our governing body. Being a school governor is an excellent way to be involved in a key village institution and have some input in the education of the next generation. Don't be put off if you have no school experience as this is not necessary for a Community Governor and in fact a fresh outlook on how we do things would be welcomed. Training and support for the role is provided by School Governor Services. If you're at all interested please get in touch with either Dan Gresham 897 883 or Jean Clyde 890 658 for an informal chat and more details. We look forward to hearing from you.

## Abington Pre-School AGM

The AGM will be held in the Pre-School building (bottom of the school playground), 7.45pm for 8pm on Friday 11 October. There will be wine and cheese.

We would like to increase our committee members and volunteers for the Pre-School and the Baby and Toddler Group, so, if you would be interested, please come to the AGM or contact Ruth Beach ([smokefarthing@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:smokefarthing@yahoo.co.uk) or 894 461).

## Abington School half-term is the week beginning 28 October



## Abington Lunch

Thursday 24 October 2013



Fruit Juice

**Beef Casserole, Mashed Potatoes  
and Autumn Vegetables**

**Rhubarb and Ginger Cake with pouring Custard**

Tea or Coffee

Please book your meal on 07789 585 399. Leave your name and telephone number with your message before noon on Tuesday 22 October. Don't forget to tell us if you need a special diet. Please remember doors open at **12.45pm**.

Please note that the lunch is open to **ALL** Abington and Hildersham residents.

**Next lunch Thursday 28 November 2013**

### Forget-Me-Not Club

This month we start with a Fish and Chip Lunch; booking is essential and can be made by contacting a member of the committee. At the following meeting Brian Faggetter is going to talk to us about his experience with the charity CRUSE, how much they have helped him during the difficult year since losing his beloved Betty. It will be an uplifting talk. Our last meeting in October will be our annual Halloween celebration with baked potatoes and the Pumpkin Competition. Members were given a pumpkin seed way back in February to sow for the competition – should be interesting.

**Tuesday 1 October** – Fish and Chip Lunch. Meeting starts at 12.30 for 1pm lunch. The charge on this day will be £4 (£2 for club fee and £2 for lunch).

**Wednesday 9 October** – Trip to Morrison's Supermarket. Contact Marion to book.

**Tuesday 15 October** – Talk on CRUSE by Brian Faggetter.

**Tuesday 29 October** – Halloween Celebrations – don't forget to bring your pumpkin.

### The Committee

Anne Hall, Chair; Sue Toates, Vice Chair; Viki Brunning, Treasurer; Pamela Paris, Secretary; Marion McIntyre, Gill Talbot, Barry Wallman, Brian Faggetter, Brian Paris.

### Reading Group

8 October	<i>Mr Pip</i> Lloyd Jones	74 High Street Great Abington
12 November	<i>Summer in February</i> Jonathan Smith	34 High St Little Abington

Please confirm your acceptance for October to Rachel Haining on 892 004.

Diana Wingfield

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

After a last-minute cancellation by the speaker at our September meeting, Malcolm Busby came along to narrate some Cambridgeshire tales. Malcolm collects and retells stories passed down through the generations and also modern tales: did you know there was a ghost on the M11? The Fens are a rich source of weird and mysterious legends and Malcolm urged us to think of stories in our own villages (Jeremiah?) that we could tell our own children and grandchildren. The art of storytelling must be encouraged and the narrator has the freedom to be creative.

Our next meeting, at 7.30pm on 14 October, will be organised by the members rather than the committee. An entertaining evening plus delicious refreshments is promised.

If you join the WI in October you get 15 months for the price of a 12-month subscription.

Marilyn Broadhurst (893 214)

## **Scrabble Club**

The next Scrabble Club meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday 22 October in the Institute. New members very welcome. Please bring your own board and tiles if possible.

Sheena Fraser

## **Abington Gardening Club**

On Monday 7 October at 7.30pm in the Institute, George Thorpe, retired Trinity College head gardener, will give a talk entitled 'Gardens in China'. On 4 November Mike Day will give a talk entitled 'Unusual Vegetables'.

Everybody welcome.

Kay Harman Secretary, (891 730), Email: [harman@onetel.net](mailto:harman@onetel.net)

## **Abington Walking Group**

Our September walks took us to Linton/Hadstock and Quy.

The October walks are on Thursday 3 and Saturday 19 October.



In addition to our twice-monthly walks we have been asked to consider an additional walk once a month of perhaps just two or three miles. If this is something that you may be interested in please let us know.

We are about to produce a programme of our 2014 walks. If you are not on our mailing list please ask for a copy. For further information please contact Robin Harman on 891 730 or email at [harman@onetel.net](mailto:harman@onetel.net) or George Woodley on 891 169 or [georgewoodley@talktalk.net](mailto:georgewoodley@talktalk.net).

## **Abington Naturewatch Members Meeting**

Abington Naturewatch is holding its autumn Members Meeting at the Institute at 10.30am on Saturday 12 October. This year we have had some really interesting visits to report on and we will review the results from our spring and summer monitoring as well as preview next year. Please bring along any information or items of interest. The cost of the meeting will be covered by donation and coffee will be available from the café.

Our autumn meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Friday 15 November. More on this later.

## **Abington Social Club**

The Abington and District Darts League winter season has just started. Darts matches begin at 8.30pm on Tuesdays 1, 8, 15 and on 29 October we will play for the Webb Trophy. If you would like to support the village team please come along. The Club is normally open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday with variable opening hours. If anyone would like to join the club or come for a game of darts or pool please phone either Bryan Rogers (07734 296 187) or Maureen Davies (892 368).

## **Abington Cricket Club**

The cricket season finished as it started, cold and wet, but in between there was much to savour and enjoy along with the weather, the highlight being the annual Six-a-Side Tournament on the Sunday of the August bank holiday organised by Stuart Duquemin. With much exciting cricket and most matches incredibly close, the highlight was the highest scoring match, the final with 147 runs in 10 overs and a very well deserved victory for Shelford by one run over Abington 2 who had earlier enjoyed beating Abington 1 in the semi-final! Other highlights on the day were Jimmy Lawrence's entertaining non-stop broadcast of music and 'banter', the first (surely annual) egg-throwing (and catching!) contest that was fought out by 30 pairs and watched by hundreds, bringing the village to a standstill, and the increasingly manic competition to catch a six hit to win a free pint at the Three Tuns!

Possibly the most unexpected success was the midweek first team who successfully won the Adams Harrison Midweek Cricket League for the eighth time after a gap of seven years but notably for the first time when three opponents, Saffron Walden, Sawston and Haverhill, play their weekend cricket in higher leagues. Runs from Harry Randall, Nick Wells and Keith Vincent and wickets from Andy Argent were notable but most importantly captained and run by Guy Ennew so that a competitive team was playing every week. Once again the midweek 2s performed above realistic expectations, giving many young and new members a chance to show their skills at the 'bowl', notably Sam Till and Jamie Ketteridge.

The Saturday first team had probably its strongest ever squad but generally slightly underperformed and finished below mid-table. Newcomers Mark Ward (all-rounder) and Ed Wiseman (batsman) contributed well at the beginning and end of the season respectively. Will Earl (when available) scored heavily, Andy Argent probed with the new ball all season, and as usual Stuart Duquemin was both the leading bowler and batsman in the club. Others successes were much more sporadic and general availability was at best scratchy, particularly among the sparser bowling resources.

The second team played some excellent cricket all season to finish third in Junior 1 to just miss out on promotion but still gained the highest position in the team's history, very ably led by Gregg Wagstaff, with solid contributions from Ollie Barnes, Jimmy Lawrence, Jonno Webb, Dave Hamper and Martin Little.

The third team also excelled, winning 11 games and losing just four to finish third out of 18 teams in Junior 4 South. Again, a highest ever position and they are set to be 'promoted' in a reorganisation of the divisions, thanks to various young Franklins, But the stand-out performances were an outstanding 156 by Ollie Green against Comberton 1st team and a great cup run in the Lower Junior Cup going all the way to the final.

David Pimblett

## Linton and District WEA Branch



The WEA is the largest provider of adult education in the country and we pride ourselves on our inclusivity and quality of instruction. For our Autumn 2013 course we welcome **Wendy Barnes** who is going to tell us all about 'A Brave New World – In 17th Century Virginia'.

This is the story of the people who left England behind them to build a new life and a new country that eventually became the USA. This is seen through the experiences of two members of the same family – the Washingtons – who have a very strong connection with Cambridgeshire and it is from

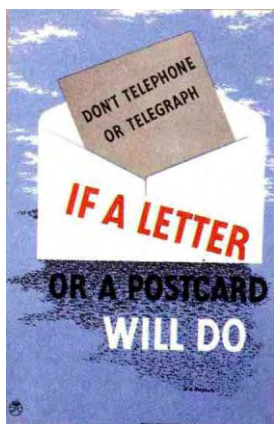
their family coat of arms that the stars and stripes on the American flag were derived. The 10-week course will start at 10am on Tuesday 8 October and will cost £45.30. As ever we hope we will have a course visit, and we look forward to you joining us in this special year for the local WEA.

[www.eastern.wea.org.uk/courses/county-course-brochures/cambridgeshire/](http://www.eastern.wea.org.uk/courses/county-course-brochures/cambridgeshire/)

## Linton and District Historical Society

The new season gets under way full steam ahead with the 28<sup>th</sup> AGM in Linton Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 15 October 2013. Anyone from Linton and the surrounding villages is very welcome to attend.

Garth Collard founded the society in 1985 and has been its Chairman since that date but now has decided to step down. This will be a pivotal AGM for the LDHS, as we need to make some major decisions to guarantee the future survival of the society. This primarily requires people to volunteer and come forward and offer to help. Following the AGM to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the GPO film unit in 1933, there will be a selection of short films entitled 'If The War Should Come'. The film unit was one of the most remarkable creative institutions that Britain had produced. A hotbed of energy and talent, it provided a springboard to many of the best-known and critically acclaimed figures in the British Documentary Movement.



## Meadow School, High Street, Balsham

### PTA Craft and Gift Fair from 10.30am on 12 and 13 October

Entrance £1 for adults, 50p children and concessions.

Handmade crafts, gifts, tombola, toys, sweets and cakes.



Come and grab a bargain for Christmas!

Contact tel. 894 400

## Pink Rose Appeal for Breast Cancer Research – October 2013

Organised under the Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust this appeal seeks organisers of fundraising events in October. Contact Mercy Kaggwa (349 805) or email [communityfundraising@addenbrookes.nhs.uk](mailto:communityfundraising@addenbrookes.nhs.uk) for fundraising packs.

## Church Services for October 2013

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Gt. Abington</i> 	<i>Lt. Abington</i> 	<i>Hildersham</i> 	<i>Readings</i>
6 October	6.00 pm Fun Run Songs of Praise		9.15 am Communion	2 Timothy 1. 1-14 Luke 17. 5-10
13 October		8.00am Communion 6.00 pm Evensong	10.45am All Praise – Harvest Festival	2 Timothy 2. 8-15 Luke 17. 11-19
20 October	8.00 am Communion 10.45 am All Age Praise		9.15am Communion	2 Timothy 3. 14- 4.5 Luke 18. 1-8
27 October		10.45 am Communion	6.00pm Evensong – Celebration of St Cuthbert	Isaiah 45. 22-25 Luke 4.16-24

### Church Flower Rota

	<i>Great Abington</i>	<i>Little Abington</i>	<i>Hildersham</i>
6 October	Carol McCree	Mrs Waring & Mrs Harman	Mrs Griggs
13 October	Carol McCree	Mrs Waring & Mrs Harman	Harvest
20 October	Audrey Bugg & Valerie Norden	Mrs Crisp & Mrs Mead	Mrs Griggs
27 October	Audrey Bugg & Valerie Norden	Mrs Crisp & Mrs Mead	Mrs Bate/Andrew

### Churchwardens

Hildersham	Keith Day	Fourwinds, Linton Road, Hildersham	891 527
	Cathy Myer	Woodside, Hildersham	892 848
Great Abington	Janet Stanley	Abington Park Farm, Great Abington	892 110
	Vacancy		
Little Abington	Patrick Daunt	4 Bourn Bridge Road, Little Abington	891 485
	Vacancy		

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Data Protection and Freedom of Information:**

Information collected by the Parish Councils will be submitted to SCDC and will be used solely for the Local Plan Review. Representations including names will be available to view on the District Council's website. Full representations including addresses will also be available on request. By submitting comments you are agreeing to these conditions.

**Tick YES if you agree with each question and NO if you disagree**

**Parish Council Questions**

**Question 1 Linton Road Great Abington**

Do you agree that the Linton Road site should be developed for up to 35 homes including a new community orchard?

YES  NO

**Question 2 High Street / Pampisford Road, Great Abington**

Do you agree that the High Street / Pampisford Road site should be developed for up to 12 homes?

YES  NO

**Question 3 Bancroft Farm, Church Lane, Little Abington**

Do you agree that the Bancroft Farm site should be developed for up to 6 homes?

YES  NO

**ADD ANY COMMENTS HERE:**

**Great Abington Parish Council  
 Little Abington Parish Council**



**Meeting local needs for new housing**

The two Parish Councils have come together to promote three small scale housing developments in our villages to meet identified local housing needs, primarily for market housing but also including some affordable homes that may be available to younger members of our community. The developments would allow for some natural growth in our communities and should allow households now living in family homes too large for their current needs to 'downsize' within the same village with the option of being close to the village centre. Our vision is one of well designed houses within quality green surroundings.

The sites we have identified are shown on the maps inside. We have proposed these sites to South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) for inclusion in their new Local Plan in their latest consultation this summer and already think from a number of public meetings organised by the 'Committee for Abington Housing' that most local people will be supportive.

However the new Local Plan does not currently include any housing allocations in smaller villages like Great and Little Abington, preferring to provide new housing in new settlements or in larger better served villages like Sawston, Histon and Impington, Melbourn, Gamlingay, Comberton and Willingham. Before SCDC could lend support to our aspirations under the spirit of localism, it will need written evidence of whether there is a majority of local support for them in the community. Please take a little time to look at the proposed sites and answer the questions. Once you have filled it in and signed it you can post it to the Parish Council or deliver it to your nearest Parish Council Clerk.

We intent to submit the results of consultation to SCDC to support our comments on the Local Plan which have proposed the three sites for housing development.

**Making Comments**

Please complete the questions on the back, add your name and address and return by 5 p.m. on Monday 16th December 2013 to:

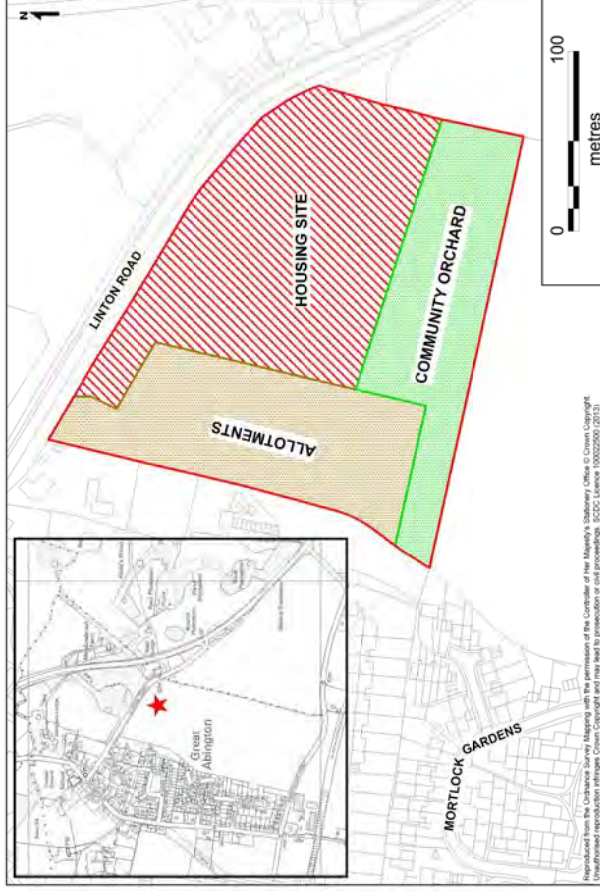
Little Abington Parish Council  
 Mrs Genevieve Dalton  
 27 West Field  
 Little Abington  
 Cambridge  
 CB21 6BE

Great Abington Parish Council  
 Mrs Paula Harper  
 17 Lewis Crescent  
 Great Abington  
 Cambridge  
 CB21 6AG

### Linton Road Great Abington

Up to 35 homes

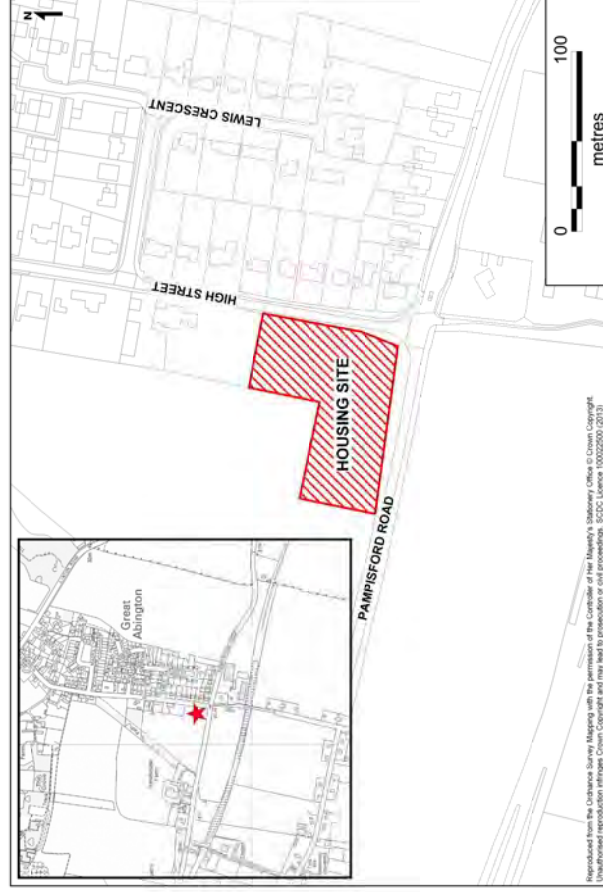
- Close to village services and amenities
- Includes retention of the allotments
- Includes creation of a community orchard to the south to provide a soft green edge to the development.



### High Street / Pampisford Road Great Abington

Up to 12 homes

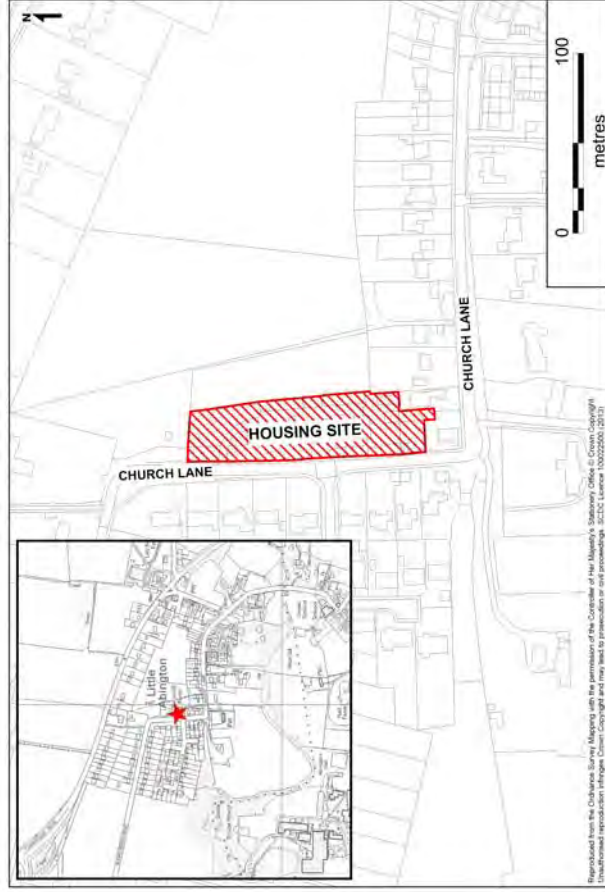
- A natural rounding off of the village on the High Street
- By 'turning the corner' with housing it will help announce the village



### Bancroft Farm, Church Lane, Little Abington

Up to 6 homes

- Currently an overgrown and derelict site
- Potential to enhance the Conservation Area and adjoining meadows with a high quality development particularly suitable for 'downsizers'
- In place of its proposed designation as Local Green Space (LGS) in the SCDC proposed Local Plan







## COMMITTEE for ABINGTON HOUSING

### **Meeting local needs for new housing in Abington**

#### **The background**

The committee for Abington Housing carried out a public consultation during the autumn of 2013. The purpose of this was to gauge the community response to its proposals to request that the South Cambridgeshire draft Local Plan should be amended to allow for limited development within the Abingtons.

To facilitate this a consultation leaflet was prepared with the support of South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC). The consultation leaflets were delivered to every household in Great and Little Abington with the monthly edition of the Abington and Hildersham News which went out at the end of October 2013. The closing date for responses was December 16<sup>th</sup> and duly completed leaflet response forms were received from 189 people and the contents of these were included in the findings.

In addition there were two forms from people who declined to give their name and address and another two from people who did not agree with their name and address being submitted. The contents of these four forms were not included in the data, comments or findings.

#### **The data**

The response form contained in the leaflet included three questions and respondents were asked to say yes or no to any or all of these.

Question one – Do you agree that the Linton Road site should be developed for up to 35 homes including a new community orchard? There were 186 responses to this question with 72% indicating yes and 28% indicating no.

Question two – Do you agree that the High Street/Pampisford Road site should be developed for up to 12 homes? There were 188 responses to this question with 76% indicating yes and 24% indicating no.

Question three – Do you agree that Bancroft Farm site should be developed for up to 6 homes? There were 184 responses to this question with 86% indicating yes and 14% indicating no.

#### **Summary of comments**

No comment was made on the forms of 65 of the respondents. The other forms ranged from a single comment to a much more complex response. The comments have been collated and where possible grouped to show where there was a consensus between a number of respondents.

The most common of these were ones of general support for the proposals as set out on the form (29).

Concern was expressed about an increase in traffic issues both in the village and on A1307 (23)

The next most frequent comment was that the Linton Road site should have fewer than 35 houses on it as this was considered too many (17) and in addition some felt that there should be fewer overall (3)

The look, design or the density of the houses was commented on (15) as was the need to preserve the trees and hedges when building work was carried out. (8)

A number of people would prefer to preserve the village as it is (11), preserve the rural aspect of Pampisford Road (8) and prevent the loss of arable land (5).

There was concern about moving the village boundary and possible development creep onto other sites or areas of land (8) and some were worried about further encroachment along Linton Road towards A1307 (2)

The retention of the allotments and/or the creation of the community orchard were seen as positive (7) however a few people were concerned about the viability or need for the orchard (3).

Some people commented that more affordable/social housing is needed and that at least some of it should be reserved for people with a village connection. (6)

Some people felt that the Linton Road site would suffer too much noise from the kennels and the A1307 (5) however others felt that this site should be developed with garden apartments, homes for elderly or 1/2 bed bedroomed units as it is close to the village centre (2)

There was strong feeling from some that the wording in the leaflet which said the High Street/Pampisford Road housing would 'help announce the village' was not appropriate (4)

The proposal for Church Lane was welcomed as a way of tidying up the site by some people (4) and others suggested the site should be bungalows (2) however others felt it was a long way from the village centre (3). Some of those who commented mentioned an interest in downsizing (4)

There was some concern that the village may not have the capacity for additional children (4) and others that there may not be jobs for new people (2).

Other comments were made by individual respondents and these were:-

Build more in Little Abington (1),  
Build on the meadow behind Bancroft Farm site (1),  
Church lane – restrict to area already built on (1),  
Concern about access to 40 Church Lane (1),  
Linton Rd – Concern about pedestrians have to cross Linton Rd (1),  
High St – too far from village centre (1),  
Church lane – preserve rural aspect (1),  
More activities needed for young people (1),

Plant a copse of native trees (1),  
Give thought to flood risk (1),  
Question need for more housing (1).

### **Further consultation**

In addition to the consultation leaflets sent out to every home, external stakeholders were contacted for comment. Contacts for these organisations were supplied by SCDC and they were formally requested to comment on the three sites. A copy of the letter sent to the stakeholders is attached below.

**Natural England** was consulted about wildlife designations and biodiversity. Their response from Jamie Melvin, Land Use Operations Team, was not specific to the sites at this stage and he said in his letter,

'Natural England notes the three sites put forward for inclusion in the Local Plan. Should the Local Planning Authority choose to promote these options they will likely need to adapt their plan and consult on alterations and amend the Habitats Regulation Assessment and Sustainability Appraisal as appropriate. Given finite resources Natural England feels that it would be more appropriate to provide detailed comments at this stage but offers the following generic advice on key natural environment considerations for housing allocations which we hope is of use.'

The letter went on to give generic advice.

**Anglian Water** was consulted about foul water and waste water treatment their response from Sue Bull, Planning Liaison Manager, did not envisage any problems and said,

'Drainage Capacity -

The three sites would be served by Linton Water Recycling Centre (previously referred to as wastewater treatment works) and currently there is capacity available. We have also looked at the foul sewerage network and again we do not envisage any constraint in this regard.'

'Surface Water disposal -

All developments should adhere to the drainage hierarchy and utilise sustainable drainage systems (SUDS) as much as possible. Disposal to the public surface water piped network should be seen as a last resort. Under no circumstances will surface water be accepted into the foul sewerage network.'

**UK Power Networks** were consulted about electricity supply and their response from Jim Whiteley, Infrastructure Planning Engineer, said,

'While providing the significant power supplies required by research establishments such as Granta Park located in rural areas poses network challenges, the impact on the network for the number of houses being suggested is negligible.'

**English Heritage** was consulted about listed buildings, conservation areas and historic environments and their response from David Grech, Historic Places Adviser, said,

'Site 1 Linton Road, Great Abington

This site lies outside the Great Abington Conservation Area, though is in relative close proximity to it and may have the potential to impact on it. Development of this site will effectively define the entrance to the village from the east and while English Heritage would not object in principle to development on this site, it would need to be undertaken with a degree of sensitivity to reflect the traditional built form of the village. The allotments will, to some extent, separate the new housing from the rest of the village and care would need to be taken in bringing forward any development

on this site to ensure it formed an integral part of the village, both visually and socially.

**Site 2 High Street/Pampisford Road, Great Abington**

This site is also outside the Great Abington Conservation Area, though once again is in relatively close proximity to it. There are also listed buildings to the north and west of this site. In my opinion any development of this site should be restricted to the portion fronting on to High Street, and the development should not extend westwards on Pampisford Road. Newhouse Farm to the west of the site on Pampisford Road should not be absorbed into the built form of the village and in my opinion it would be more logical for the village to end at the junction between High Street and Pampisford Road.

**Site 3 Bancroft Farm, Church Lane, Little Abington**

This site lies within the Conservation Area, with listed buildings nearby (to the south and southeast). It is the most sensitive of the 3 sites and any proposed development would have to demonstrate that it would meet the requirements of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 to 'preserve or enhance the character or appearance' of the conservation area. I note the current state of the site, but also note that in the 2004 Local Plan it was designated as part of a 'Protected Village Amenity Area' and any change in this status should be for positive rather than negative reasons.'

**The Environment Agency** was consulted about watercourses and flooding and their response from Adam Ireland, Planning Specialist, Sustainable Places, said, 'We can confirm that we do not have any objection in principle to the development that the Committee for Abington Housing have proposed. We would however, like to take this opportunity to make the following comments in relation to the proposed development site around Great and Little Abington.

**Flood Risk -**

None of the proposed sites are at risk of fluvial flooding (i.e. from Main Rivers). There may be other sources of flooding (surface or groundwater) that the South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) may be aware of in the area. I would refer you to the SCDC Strategic Flood Risk Assessment to determine any potential sources of flooding or levels of risk to the proposed sites.

**Groundwater Protection -**

All three proposed sites do overlie Source Protection Zones (SPZs). These are geographical areas that overlie aquifers from which groundwater is extracted to provide public potable water supplies. Due to the proposed development being 'residential', this should not prove to be an issue. Residential development can overlie SPZs as the pollution potential from residential usage is regarded to be minimal.

**Cambridgeshire County Council** was consulted about Archaeology, Education and Highways but responses are still awaited.

Bernie Talbot  
January 2014



## COMMITTEE for ABINGTON HOUSING

Natural England  
Consultation Service  
Hombear House, Electra Way  
Crewe, Cheshire  
CW1 6GJ

28<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Dear Consultation Service

### **Neighbourhood Consultation in Great and Little Abington – South Cambs Local Plan**

The Committee for Abington Housing is working on behalf of the community to realise a small amount of much needed housing development within our villages. The committee was set up and is supported by the two Parish Councils. Great and Little Abington are villages situated close to the A11, about 6 miles south west of Cambridge and adjoining the research and development complex of Granta Park.

A housing needs survey carried out in 2011 shows that we do need more housing to meet local needs and we feel that a small amount of natural growth would be preferable to no new dwellings at all. We have fully involved the community in our actions and have now reached the point where we are carrying out a formal consultation with the support of South Cambridgeshire District Council. A copy of the consultation leaflet is attached which identifies the three sites.

Our current strategy to meet the village aspiration is to bring these sites forward for development through the Local Plan process as an alternative to preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan. We believe that a majority of villagers will support this initiative which will strengthen our case for these sites to be allocated for development in the Local Plan.

We would like to consult you on the technical merits of the sites which are identified on the consultation leaflet. In other words are they subject to any constraints which may make them unsuitable for residential development. We are aware that all three sites were submitted during the 2012 SHLAA process and not eventually included as site options by the District Council in the Local Plan. To a large degree we feel that the reasons for this did not give enough weight to local aspirations, hence the need for this consultation. Two of the sites are smaller than the SHLAA submissions.

Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated.  
Yours sincerely

Bernie Talbot  
Chair - Committee for Abington Housing

# Abington Housing Survey findings

## Introduction

Approximately 600 forms were issued to households in Great and Little Abington. 141 forms were returned which is about 23%.

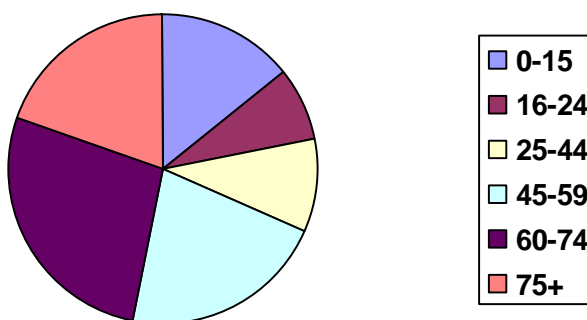
17 forms had their Part 2 filled in, demonstrating a need for affordable housing for 17 households, as a minimum. However, only one household is on the DC housing waiting list.

## Part 1 – information on existing households

If we consider three generations ( 0-24 yrs, 25-59 yrs and 60 + yrs), households fell into these categories.

Number of Housholds	0-24 yrs	25-59 yrs	60+ yrs	Nominal Household type
83 (59%)			✓	Elderly couple
30 (21%)	✓	✓		Family with young people
14 (10%)		✓	✓	Adults with Elderly
11 (7.8%)		✓		Adults
2 (1.4%)	✓	✓	✓	Three Generations
1 (0.71%)	✓		✓	Elderly and young people

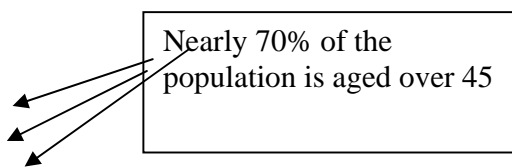
## Resident Count By Age Group



## Resident percentage by Age Group

Age Group	Percentage
0-15	14.15
16-24	7.23
25-44	9.75
45-59	21.4
60-74	27.36
75+	20.12

Nearly 70% of the population is aged over 45



## Housing Type and Ownership

House Type	Live with Parents	Other	Own with Mortgage	Own with No Mortgage	Rent a Council Home	Rent a Housing Ass. Home	Rent a Private Home	House Type Total
Bungalow			10	20	8	1		39
House	1	2	40	53	4	1	1	102
<b>Total</b>	1 (0.75%)	2 (1.5%)	50 (35.5%)	73 (51.8%)	12 (8.5%)	2 (1.5%)	1 (0.75%)	141

The Abingtons have a housing mix of 72% houses and 28% bungalows with 87% owned by householders, where 60% of those are owned outright and 40% with a mortgage. Just 2 of the 132 homes are not the owners' main residence.

## Housing Type and Number of Bedrooms

House Type	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 bedrooms	5 bedrooms
Bungalow	2	17	14	6	
House	1	13	44	30	14
<b>Total</b>	3 (2%)	30 (21%)	58 (41%)	36 (26%)	14 (10%)

## Of 141 respondents:

Live in the Village	Work in the Village	Have Relatives in the Village	Have Previous Residency	Know someone that may wish to return	In Favour of Affordable Homes
138 (98%)	9 (7%)	11 (7.5%)	9 (7%)	11 (7.8%)	121 (86%)

## Householders' Years in the village:

Total Households	Up to 5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60	60+
141	31	7	19	10	33	15	9	13	4

## Part 2 – information on housing needs

### Households that need housing, when and by type

Household Type To House	now	1-3 yrs	3-5 yrs	Number of Households
Adult couple	2			2
Elderly couple		1	1	2
Family	3	1		4
Single adult	2	2	1	5
Single elderly	1	2	1	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>

So there are at least 17 households to house: 4 couples, 4 families and 9 singles, of which 6 households are elderly.

### Unsuitability of Current home:

Home Too Small	Home Too Big	Home Too Expensive	Need Independence	Need Family	Health/Mobility Problems
3	5	4	9	3	2

### Housing Needs Type and Bedrooms:

Housing Type Required	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 bedrooms
Any	1	1		
Bungalow		5	1	
House	1	4	3	1

### Preferred Tenure\*:

Private Ownership	Shared Ownership	Rented
9	3	7

\* some respondents opted for more than one option

Maximum Mortgage	50K	55K	65K	75K	90K
Number of Householders	1	1	1	1	5

Maximum Weekly Rental	£60pw	£70pw	£80pw	£100pw
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## Special Needs Comments

Special Needs**
Mobility Converted bathroom.
Currently property adapted for disability resident.
May need in the next few years due to age.
Arthritis
Mobility difficulties.
Arthritis. House needs a back door step. Hard to get out. Also a light at the back. I have fallen over at night.
We may be seeking a small-ish retirement house in the village of some kind.
We are on the lookout for an affordable property to buy so that we can get out of a town we do not wish to live in but because of today's prices we can only afford to stay out of my home village.

\*\* these can be related to the relevant housing needs, but there is no need to show that here.

## ***Additional Comments***

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Local housing needs local jobs to stop the ridiculous waste of energy commuting. I have walked to work for the last 45 years and will continue to do so.
Regarding the question about additional housing. I think you must avoid building houses in any spot you can acquire. Linton is a real mess because houses are crammed into any nook and cranny. Similar to the ones in Great Abington High Street is fine.
I would be in favour of a small housing development for local people but only small! I value this village which is in my opinion able to offer such a variety of needs and pursuits within its present size.
May require smaller accommodation in this village.
We think that the village needs sheltered housing to enable local residents to remain here and free up larger houses for new residents
Housing required for older children who wish to live in the village. One single 28 year old and one 30 year old plus partner and three children currently living in rented accommodation in Royston.
Although we live in Linton, we do not live in the village. Although we would like to live in the village and to be able to afford it. My parents and grandparent live in the village. I would like to be able to go for more walks with my son but I have to cross the A 1307 to get into the village which I feel is too dangerous.
Need garage for car.
Possibility of requiring warden accommodation in future private run.
The above relates to our three children and one potential who lives at home and wishes to move out. Two others are away from Cambridge but also wish to return. If allowed we would build for them all on our land which is big enough.
Affordable housing is better spread out to avoid Ghettos.
Local housing for elderly village people would release the larger houses for families which would be good for the village -for the school and shop etc etc
I need a door chain as I live on my own.
This proposal has been presented in previous years houses were built- but not affordable as agreed. Therefore we are slightly hesitant to say yes.
At present our daughter son in law plus five grand children are living with us.
Urgently required in the Abingtons: Attractive styled three bedroom bungalows with a medium sized garden i.e. like the bungalows in Westfield -there are only six of them-NOT small old peoples bungalows i.e. Church Close. Decent sized bungalows would free up some of the houses on Bourn Bridge Rd - I know these are not affordable housing but would allow families to move into the village. We don't wish to move out of the village and a bungalow (no stairs) and a smaller garden would suit us fine-anything about?
More houses or bungalows should be built to stop Abington being so expensive. It would also encourage younger people to come to Abington to live.

===== END =====

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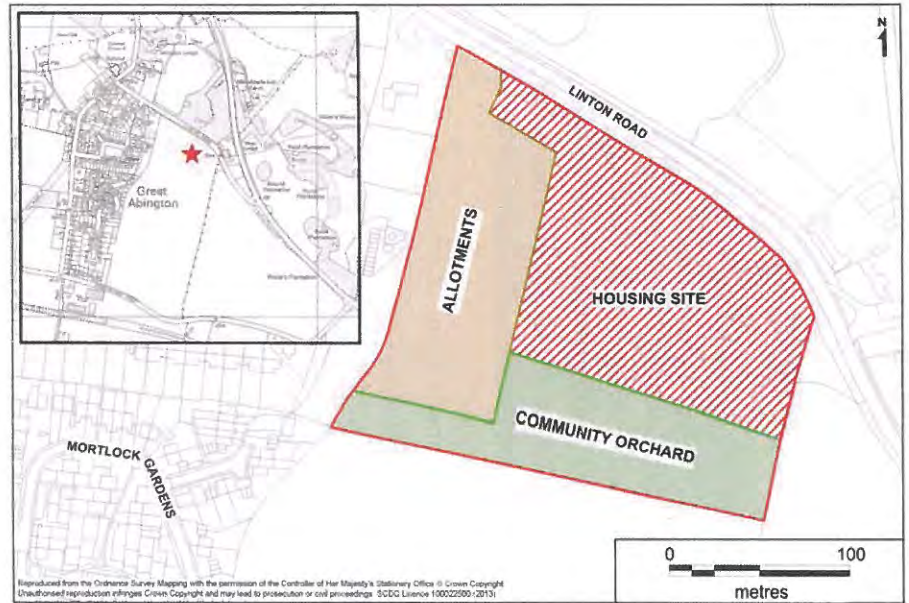
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Up to 35 homes

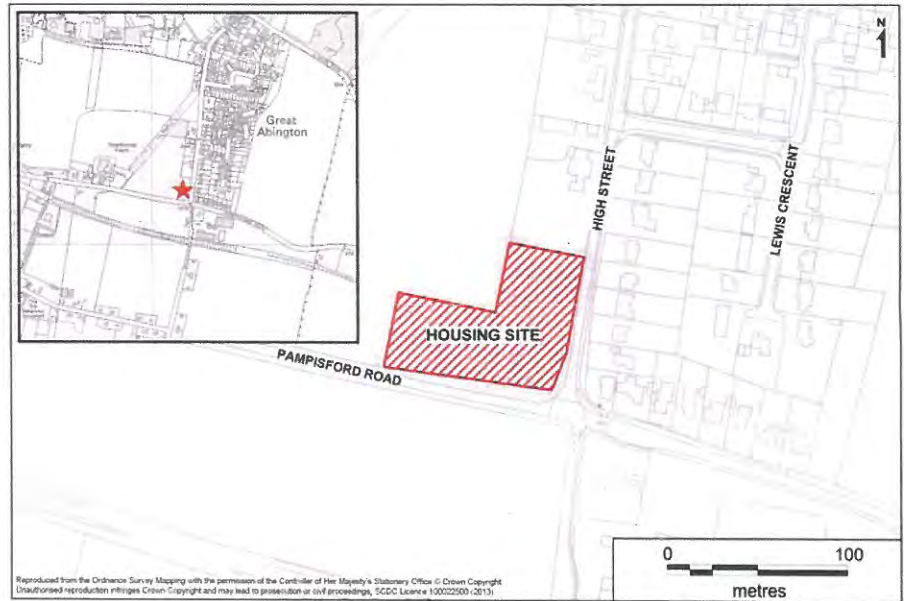
- Close to village services and amenities
- Includes retention of the allotments
- Includes creation of a community orchard to the south to provide a soft green edge to the development.



## High Street / Pampisford Road Great Abington

Up to 12 homes

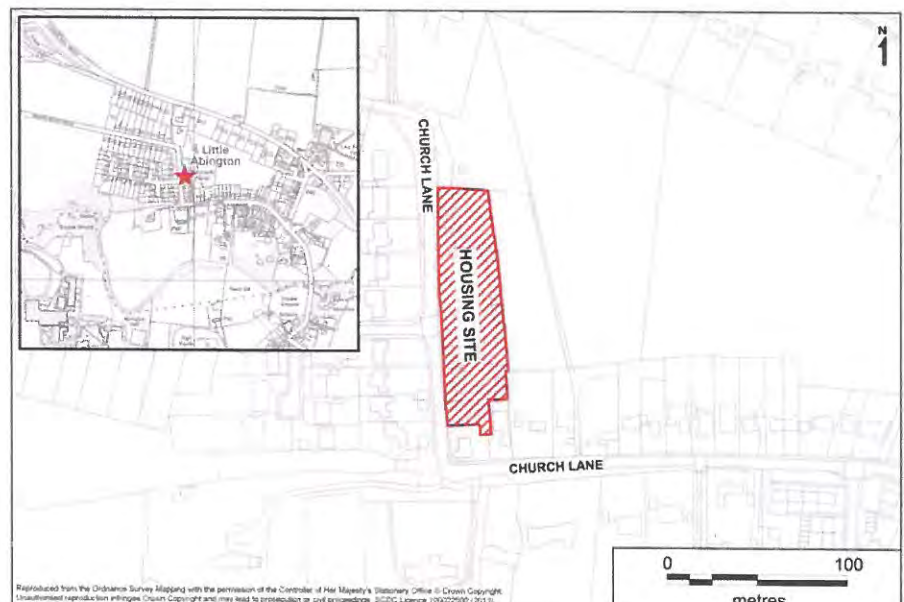
- A natural rounding off of the village on the High Street
- By 'turning the corner' with housing it will help announce the village



## Bancroft Farm, Church Lane, Little Abington

Up to 6 homes

- Currently an overgrown and derelict site
- Potential to enhance the Conservation Area and adjoining meadows with a high quality development particularly suitable for 'downsizers'
- In place of its proposed designation as Local Green Space (LGS) in the SDCDC proposed Local Plan



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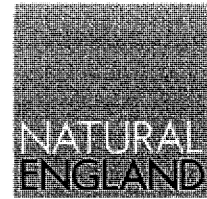
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**UK Power Networks**

**English Heritage**

**The Environment Agency**

Date: 11 December 2013  
Our ref: 102314 Great & Little Abington NP  
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Bernie Talbot,

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T 0300 060 3900

Dear Bernie Talbot

### **Neighbourhood Consultation in Great and Little Abington – South Cambs Local Plan**

Thank you for notifying Natural England of the above consultation.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England notes the three sites put forward for inclusion in the Local Plan. Should the Local Planning Authority choose to promote these options they will likely need to adapt their plan and consult on alterations and amend the Habitats Regulation Assessment and Sustainability Appraisal as appropriate. Given finite resources Natural England feels that it would be more appropriate to provide detailed comments at this stage but offers the following generic advice on key natural environment considerations for housing allocations which we hope is of use

#### **1. Biodiversity**

##### **Avoiding harm to the international, national and locally designated sites of importance for biodiversity.**

International sites include: Special Protection Areas (SPAs); Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Ramsar sites. National sites include biological Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) and National Nature Reserves (NNRs). Local sites are Local Wildlife Sites (a variety of other terms are also in use).

The potential impacts of new housing upon such sites may be positive or negative, direct or indirect and short or long term. Cumulative impacts may also occur as a result of the combined effects of more than one housing development.

Indirect impacts may be experienced several kilometres distant from new housing e.g. water pollution. The key to assessing these is to understand the potential impact pathways that may exist between the development and sensitive sites.

The [Nature on the Map](#) website is a useful source of information on the location and qualifying features of the international and national designations. Local Environmental Records Centres should also be of assistance and often hold information on Local Wildlife Sites.

### **Avoiding harm to priority habitats, ecological networks and priority and/or legally protected species populations**

Priority habitats and species are those listed under Section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act, 2006 and UK Biodiversity Action Plan (UK BAP). Further information is available here [UK BAP priority species and habitats](#).

Protected species are those species protected under domestic or European law. Further information can be found here [Standing advice for protected species](#). Sites containing watercourses, old buildings, significant hedgerows and substantial trees are possible habitats for protected species.

Ecological networks are coherent systems of natural habitats organised across whole landscapes so as to maintain ecological functions. A key principle is to maintain connectivity - to enable free movement and dispersal of wildlife e.g. badger routes, river corridors for the migration of fish and staging posts for migratory birds.

Priority habitats can be found on the Nature on the Map website referred to above. Natural England does not hold records of priority or legally protected species. Local Records Centres may be able provide these.

Existing natural environment data It may also be necessary to undertake a basic ecological survey in order to appraise the biodiversity value of any particular potential development site. A Phase 1 Habitat Survey is the commonly used standard for habitat audit and provides a starting point for determining the likely presence of important species. More information is available here [Phase 1 Habitat Survey](#).

### **Seeking opportunities to contribute to the restoration and re-creation of habitats , the recovery of priority species populations and biodiversity enhancement**

Where Nature Improvement Areas (NIAs) are identified they can provide a focal point for creating more and better-connected habitats. Where housing allocations are proposed in the environs of NIAs the potential to contribute to habitat enhancement should be considered. Further information on NIAs is available here [NIAs](#).

Local Biodiversity Action Plans (LBAPs) identify the local action needed to deliver UK targets for habitats and species. They also identify targets for other habitats and species of local importance and can provide a useful blueprint for biodiversity enhancement in any particular area. Further information through the UK BAP link above.

### **Seeking opportunities to enhance and create Green Infrastructure**

Green infrastructure is a term used to refer to the living network of green spaces, water and other environmental features in both urban and rural areas. It is often used in an urban context to cover the benefits including space for recreation, access to nature, flood storage and urban cooling to support climate change mitigation, food production, wildlife habitats and health & well-being improvements provided by trees, rights of way, parks, gardens, road verges, allotments, cemeteries, woodlands, rivers and wetlands.

Green infrastructure is also relevant in a rural context, where it might additionally refer to the use of farmland, woodland, wetlands or other natural features to provide services such as flood protection, carbon storage or water purification. Green infrastructure maintains critical ecological links between town and country.

Housing allocations should consider the provision of GI and GI networks when considering sites to take forward for development.

## 2. Geological conservation

### **Avoid harm to nationally and locally designated sites of importance for geological conservation - geological SSSIs and Local Geological Sites (also known as RIGS - Regionally Important Geological Sites).**

The Nature on the Map website referred to above is a useful source of information on the location and qualifying features of geological SSSIs. Local Environmental Records Centres should also be of assistance and often hold information on Local Geological Sites.

Housing development may present opportunities for the creation or enhancement of geological sites e.g. exposure sites in road cuttings. Further information on geological conservation is available on the Natural England website here [Geodiversity](#).

## 3. Landscape

### **Avoiding harm to the character of nationally protected landscapes - National Parks, the Broads and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty - and locally valued landscapes.**

Impacts of new housing upon landscape may be positive or negative, direct or indirect, short or long term and reversible or irreversible. Cumulative impacts may also occur as a result of the combined effects of more than one housing development.

The assessment of potential housing sites should be informed by the landscape character approach. The National Character Area (NCA) profiles will provide useful information. These update the national framework of Joint Character Areas and Countryside Character Areas that are used to inform LCAs. Further information is available at [NCAs](#)

Landscape Character Assessments (LCAs) identify the different landscape elements which give a place its unique character and can help inform the location and design of new development. Further information on LCAs is at [Landscape Character Assessment](#).

More detailed study of the sensitivity of the landscape and capacity to accommodate change may be necessary to determine the suitability of potential housing sites, particularly those within or near protected landscapes.

### **Seeking opportunities to contribute to landscape restoration and enhancement.**

The NCAs profiles identify potential opportunities for positive environmental change. LCAs also identify opportunities for landscape restoration and enhancement. These can help identify potential opportunities for housing developments to contribute to landscape enhancement in an area.

## 4. Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land

### **Avoiding Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land**

Land quality varies from place to place. Information on Best and Most Versatile Agricultural land (grades 1,2 and 3 a) is available from the Agricultural Land Classification (ALC). ALC maps are available on the [MAGIC](#) website. Not all land has been surveyed in detail and more detailed field survey may be required to inform decisions about specific sites. Further information is available here [ALC](#).

## 5. Public rights of way and access

### **Seeking opportunities to enhance public rights of way and accessible natural green space.**

Housing allocations should avoid adverse impacts on National Trails and networks of public rights of way and opportunities should be considered to maintain and enhance networks and to add links to existing rights of way networks including National Trails. More information is available here [National Trails](#).



Accessible natural greenspace should be provided as an integral part of development. Further information is set out in . Our Accessible Natural Greenspace Standard (ANGSt) which describes the amount, quality and level of visitor services we recommend for all areas. More information here [Accessible Natural Greenspace Standard](#).

## **6. Green Infrastructure**

### **Making a positive contribution to the creation, protection, enhancement and management of networks of green infrastructure**

Green infrastructure is a term used to refer to the living network of green spaces, water and other environmental features in both urban and rural areas. Green Infrastructure should be incorporated as an integral part of development sites. Development may also have an important role in contributing to the delivery of strategic provision in the local authority area. Further information on Green Infrastructure can be found here [Green Infrastructure](#)

For clarification of any points in this letter, please contact Jamie Melvin on 0300 060 2497.

We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

Yours faithfully

Mr Jamie R. Melvin  
Land Use Operations Team

## Chris and Bernie Talbot

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**From:** Bull Sue  
**Sent:** 15 November 2013 15:50  
**To:** 'Bernie Talbot'  
**Subject:** RE: Consultation re development in Great and Little Abington

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Dear Bernie,

Linton Road - 35 dwellings, High Street/ Pampisford Road - 12 dwellings and Bancroft Farm, Church Lane - 6 dwellings

### Drainage Capacity

The three sites would be served by Linton Water Recycling Centre (previously referred to as wastewater treatment works) and currently there is capacity available. We have also looked at the foul sewerage network and again we do not envisage any constraint in this regard.

We offer a pre planning service to house developers to ensure that a sustainable drainage strategy can be identified and connection points determined. Whilst we encourage developers to use this service it is not a statutory requirement. If upgrades are identified in the pre planning report, the developer may then requisition the works through the provisions of the Water Industry Act 1991 and pays a contribution to these works. Further information can be found at <http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/developers/growth-planning-and-equivalence.aspx>.

### Surface Water disposal

All developments should adhere to the drainage hierarchy and utilise sustainable drainage systems (SUDS) as much as possible. Disposal to the public surface water piped network should be seen as a last resort. Under no circumstances will surface water be accepted into the foul sewerage network.

### Assets Affected

Linton Road site location lies in proximity to a foul pumping station. Where there are pumping stations within or close to the site, a 15 metre distance from the boundary of the pumping station curtilage to the curtilage of any residential dwelling should be maintained to ensure there is no adverse impact on the residential occupants and to enable access for maintenance and repair of the pumping station. Further detail on Anglian Water policy on encroachment of assets can be found at: <http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/developers/encroachment.aspx>

### Water Supply

Cambridge Water Company should be consulted as Little and Great Abington falls outside Anglian Water's area of supply.

I trust this information is sufficient for your purposes.

Regards

Sue Bull  
Planning Liaison Manager  
Planning & Equivalence  
Asset Management

Thorpewood House  
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PE3 6WT

-----Original Message-----

From: Bernie Talbot



## Chris and Bernie Talbot

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**From:** Whiteley, Jim  
**Sent:** 15 November 2013 10:35  
**To:** Bernie Talbot  
**Subject:** RE: Consultation re development in Great and Little Abington

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Mr Talbot,

Thank you for your e-mail regarding the proposed additional housing in Great Abington and Little Abington. While providing the significant power supplies required by research establishments such as Granta Park located in rural areas poses network challenges, the impact on the network for the number of houses being suggested is negligible.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Whiteley  
Infrastructure Planning Engineer  
UK Power Networks  
Barton Road  
Bury St Edmunds  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Bernie Talbot  
**Sent:** 30 October 2013 18:38  
**To:** Whiteley, Jim  
**Subject:** Consultation re development in Great and Little Abington

Dear Mr Whiteley

Please find attached a formal letter seeking your view on our proposals in respect of electricity supply.

Yours sincerely

Bernie Talbot  
Chair  
Committee for Abington Housing

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**Sent:** 02 January 2014 10:56  
**To:** 'Bernie Talbot'  
**Subject:** RE: Consultation re development in Great and Little Abington

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Dear Mr Talbot,

Thank you for your e-mail, and I apologise for the slight delay in responding.

With reference to your request for comments on the 3 housing sites proposed for Great and Little Abington, English Heritage is primarily concerned with the historic environment and my comments will therefore focus on those aspects.

Site 1 Linton Road, Great Abington

This site lies outside the Great Abington Conservation Area, though is in relative close proximity to it and may have the potential to impact on it. Development of this site will effectively define the entrance to the village from the east and while English Heritage would not object in principle to development on this site, it would need to be undertaken with a degree of sensitivity to reflect the traditional built form of the village. The allotments will, to some extent, separate the new housing from the rest of the village and care would need to be taken in bringing forward any development on this site to ensure it formed an integral part of the village, both visually and socially.

Site 2 High Street/Pampisford Road, Great Abington

This site is also outside the Great Abington Conservation Area, though once again is in relatively close proximity to it. There are also listed buildings to the north and west of this site. In my opinion any development of this site should be restricted to the portion fronting on to High Street, and the development should not extend westwards on Pampisford Road. Newhouse Farm to the west of the site on Pampisford Road should not be absorbed into the built form of the village and in my opinion it would be more logical for the village to end at the junction between High Street and Pampisford Road.

Site 3 Bancroft Farm, Church Lane, Little Abington

This site lies within the Conservation Area, with listed buildings nearby (to the south and southeast). It is the most sensitive of the 3 sites and any proposed development would have to demonstrate that it would meet the requirements of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 to 'preserve or enhance the character or appearance' of the conservation area. I note the current state of the site, but also note that in the 2004 Local Plan it was designated as part of a 'Protected Village Amenity Area' and any change in this status should be for positive rather than negative reasons.

On a more general point, if development in Great Abington is to be brought forward through the Neighbourhood Plan process, then English Heritage would wish to have the opportunity to comment on an early draft of the Plan and, given the importance of the historic environment within the village, we would expect it to be properly acknowledged and reflected in the Plan and its policies. More detailed guidance to assist in the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans is available from our website.

Yours sincerely

David Grech  
Historic Places Adviser | East of England

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24 Brooklands Ave | Cambridge | CB2 8BU

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bernie Talbot  
Sent: 29 December 2013 12:15  
To: Grech, David  
Subject: RE: Consultation re development in Great and Little Abington

Dear Mr Grech

I wonder if you are now in a position to respond.

Bernie Talbot

-----Original Message-----

From: Grech, David  
Sent: 31 October 2013 09:27  
To: 'Bernie Talbot'  
Subject: RE: Consultation re development in Great and Little Abington

Dear Mr Talbot

Thank you for your e-mail and attachments. I have printed these out and will have a look at the sites in question and get back to you in due course.

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Bernie Talbot

**Our ref:** AC/2014/120349/01-L01

**Your ref:** Great & Little Abington

**Date:** 8 January 2014

Dear Mr Talbot

**Neighbourhood consultation in Great and Little Abington –  
South Cambridgeshire Local Plan**

As per my earlier e-mail, my apologies for the delay in providing a response to your earlier request regarding the above topic. This is in part due to being involved in our organisation's response to the ongoing flood incident/s.

We can confirm that we do not have any objection in principle to the development that the Committee for Abington Housing have proposed. We would however, like to take this opportunity to make the following comments in relation to the proposed development site around Great and Little Abington.

Flood Risk

None of the proposed sites are at risk of fluvial flooding (i.e. from Main Rivers). There may be other sources of flooding (surface or groundwater) that the South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) may be aware of in the area. I would refer you to the SCDC Strategic Flood Risk Assessment to determine any potential sources of flooding or levels of risk to the proposed sites.

Groundwater Protection

All three proposed sites do overlie Source Protection Zones (SPZs). These are geographical areas that overlie aquifers from which groundwater is extracted to provide public potable water supplies. Due to the proposed development being 'residential', this should not prove to be an issue. Residential development can overlie SPZs as the pollution potential from residential usage is regarded to be minimal.

### Foul Water Treatment Capacity

One potential constraint is that of available capacity in the foul water infrastructure in the form of both sewerage networks and the receiving waste water treatment works (WWTW) at Linton.

We regulate the discharges from WWTW and Anglian Water Service Ltd (AWS) would be required to ensure that any additional volumes of foul water could be treated without detriment to the environment or breach of their discharge consent (from Linton WWTW to the River Granta. They should also be consulted to confirm that sufficient network (the existing pipe network) capacity exists.

Whilst we believe that capacity exists at the Linton WWTW to accommodate the additional flow from the proposed developments, we would suggest that you consult Anglian Water Service Ltd (AWS) and obtain their view.

I hope that this information is beneficial to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries regarding this matter.

**Adam Ireland**  
**Planning Specialist, Sustainable Places**



# Great Abington Parish Council Little Abington Parish Council

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Address:

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 OF ACCESS AROUND BACK OF MAGNA CLOSE  
 WHICH HAS BEEN BLOCKED BY ALLOTMENT PEOPLE  
 ITS ALREADY A COMMUNAL AREA FOR THE  
 LOCAL DRUGS USERS, BEHIND THE GARAGES, WHICH  
 SEEMS TO BE IGNORED BY THE POLICE.

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Your Name: M ALCOCK PR-11R

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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A GREAT DEAL OF WORK MUST HAVE GONE INTO THIS PROPOSAL. I DID NOT OBJECT TO ANY DEVELOPMENT NEAR TO MY HOUSE AS WE NEED TO BE FAIR IN OUR APPROACH  
WILL DOWN & THANKS !

Your Name: MRS E READMAN

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

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Although I agree with the proposed sites I think 50 extra houses is a lot for the two villages



Your Name: MRS I MILLER

Address:

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*DIFFICULT NOT KNOWING WHAT TYPE OF HOMES THESE WOULD BE*

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Address:

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ALL THE ADJOINING ROADS NEED TO  
BE WIDENED.

Your Name: TIM BRADFORD

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

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Address:

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I do not believe that a real need, as opposed to a desire, for these houses exists. Any population will expand to fill the available space. As soon as these houses are full the next lot would be 'needed' and so on.

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Address:

Postcode:

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We feel 35 homes on Linton road are too many enlarging the village and creating more traffic. Bancroft farm site is a good idea as long as none of the trees bordering the site are lost.

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53 New homes in Abington is too much. Consider our already congested roads (A new car exit ing on dangerous roads). Is there space in our village school for potentially 100 new children? Don't ruin Abington!

Your Name: GERALDINE & MALCOLM MARSHALL

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Your Name: P. S. ANDRZEJCZAK

Address:

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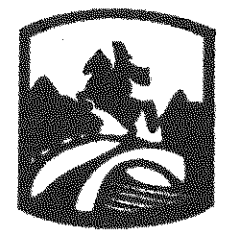
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I have lived in the village for 51 years and have watched the progress of building within the area covering both domestic and industrial development which I believe at the present time is quite adequate.

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### **High Street/Pampisford Road, Great Abington.**

The caption “by turning the corner with housing it will help announce the village”. I disagree – to enter or exit the village at this point a green field is an enhancing entrance to the village giving an ambient environment and the green field segregates the High Street from TWI. Building on the green field would eviscerate the neighbourhood.

According to the South Cambridgeshire District Council given the conclusions of their assessments none of the sites in Great or Little Abington were included as site options in their Local Plan Issue and Options consultations in July 2012 and January 2013. All their site options are on the edge of Cambridge in new settlements in their larger more sustainable villages.

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Your Name: Brenda Gill Callagher

Address:

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PLEASE SEE ATTACHED NOTE

**Bernie Talbot, Parish Council Chairman**

Good evening Mr Talbot

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the proposal for three small scale housing developments.

My wife and I consider that each of the three chosen sites has been selected with care and individually would fit into the village landscape without detriment.

Any reservations are restricted to questions about the need for all three if they were to materialise, and the present seeming developer free-for-all warned against by the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE). To enlarge, is there truly a village demand for more than 50 new houses should they all be built? This seems on the high side. Is there a case for stating a site preference order and stipulating an overall limit if the Parish Council is to support future development here?

The CPRE concern is "*The cards are stacked in favour of developers.*" as this campaign site states [www.saveourcountryside.org.uk](http://www.saveourcountryside.org.uk)

So is there a risk that the Parish Council's modest suggestions might open floodgates? Not easy to predict. These extracts from <http://www.cpre.org.uk/what-we-do/countryside/landscapes/update/item/3452-going-going-gone-englands-disappearing-landscapes> paint the picture.

*Everyone needs a place to live, but the way in which this is being done means that urban sprawl is nibbling away at the green spaces across England. Housebuilding covers more countryside than any other kind of development.*

*Successive governments have made new housebuilding a priority. Local councils are being offered financial incentives in return for permitting new developments.*

*We've published reports pointing to the need for alternative approaches to planning for housing. We've looked at the limitations of current Government projections about housing, and highlighted the different needs that make up people's demands for housing.*

*We have also demonstrated that many of the assumptions people commonly make about housing have their limitations too. In the areas where we've looked, there's been no sign of a shortage of building land. In fact in most areas – including the South East of England – there was enough land supply to last over ten years. And there's no sign that releasing more land for housing developments will bring down house prices either.*

We welcome these efforts to address a genuine problem - so long as the law of unintended consequences can be avoided!

Regards

Brian & Gill Gallagher

Your Name: PAUL COBURN  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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See attached  
 \* As long as the residents directly affected agree!

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Additional comments re 'Meeting local needs for new housing'

I wish to again express my concerns over the proposed development at High Street/Pampisford Road, Great Abington. I have already expressed these in previous letters and at the presentation held at Linton.

In the questionnaire it proposes 'up to 12 homes', which I feel is over simplified and misleading. In my original letter, I did state that I would not have any objection, as long as 12 was the maximum and they were suitable houses. However, the Parish Council was not able to give these assurances despite 'labouring' my concerns.

Whilst the proposed application would be for 12 houses, any developer buying the land would wish to maximise their profits by re-submitting an application for considerably more houses. As the land would be then been included in the village frame work, there would be less chance of stopping it, despite the best efforts of Parish Council.

Furthermore, by granting permission for this development and extending the framework, it would then make it more likely that the rest of the field would be treated as 'infill'. Instead of having a field acting as a natural break between the village and the TWI, we would potentially have one mile of continuous development to the A505, which for a small village I feel is too much.

So, as far as the statement 'it will help announce the village', if anything it will have the opposite effect by merging the village with the TWI, with no clear natural break / boundary. Personally, I would prefer to have just a green field 'announcing the village' to what is the rear approach to semi-rural settlement.

If the SCDC and the Parish Council can guarantee that the proposal would not expand beyond 12 houses, I may reconsider my objection. As I said before, I asked for this confirmation from the Parish Council and whilst 12 houses is their objective, they could not guarantee this number.

Perhaps SCDC will have more experience of how property investment/developers operate, because once the framework is extended, application after application will be submitted to push the boundaries of the permission. All the residents directly affected are over 50 and some in their 80's. Personally I (and I'm sure the others) have better things to do over the next few years, rather than continually attend planning meetings to try stop the development expanding.

Hopefully, there is a way to restrict it? Perhaps the owner of the land could give the remainder of the field to the village or agree to a covenant to stop further development. I guess if this is not forthcoming, it will then be clear of the owners future strategy for the field and perhaps the Parish Council should think again, rather than offering up this 'foot in the door' to the developer.

If not, then perhaps the questionnaire should be re-written to warn villagers of the implications of extending the village framework, as a 'small scale' housing development, could very well escalate into a large scale one in a short space of time.

Your Name: ALURIA FLETCHER

Address:

Postcode:

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*Small scale developments will not be detrimental to the village.  
Priority should be given to the Church Lane site as this area is currently an 'eye-sore'. Suggest single storey houses to reflect opposite houses.  
Additional homes = more children to keep the village school viable.*

Your Name: R. L. CHESHAM  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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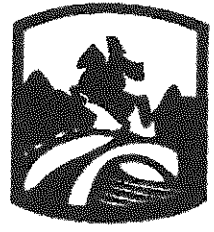
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 Road. A.S.A.P.

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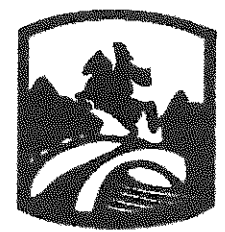
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BADLY NEEDED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND TO ALLOW OLDER RESIDENTS TO DOWNSIZE AND REMAIN IN THE VILLAGES.

Your Name: GUY STANLEY

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Name: Mrs P. ZIMMERN

Address:

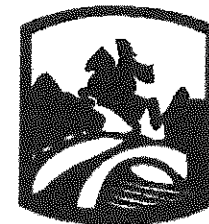
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Your Name: TONY DRON & CHARIS WHITCOMBE

Address:

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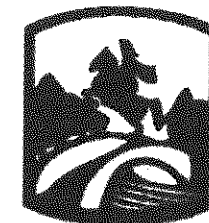
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ARE TOO MANY. I WOULD ALSO  
QUESTION ACCESS AND TRAFFIC  
ON LINTON ROAD AND HIGH ST.  
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Your Name: Mrs + Mrs. I. R. Winkwater.

Address:

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*The proposed Linton Road development is in our view far too large & should be limited to the number of houses that can be constructed fronting onto the present roads.*

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Your Name: R. L. ZIMMERMAN  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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ORIGINALLY NO TO QUESTION 2. A CRAZY IDEA AS TRAFFIC WILL HAVE TO USE PAMPISFORD RD OR HIGH STREET ON ALREADY CONGESTED ROADS AND WILL CAUSE ACCIDENTS

Your Name: MR & MRS Rumble

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Name: Mr Henry Pefferell

Address:

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*These are imaginative schemes which meet the need for housing in the villages which allow local people to stay and live in the locality. This is much-needed. The Church Lane proposal in particular tidies up a scruffy, unused area of the village effectively.*

Your Name: Maurice R. PALISTER

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Probably don't need all of them immediately. Aim to provide for local needs, as shown in surveys.



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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Developments need to be in keeping with surrounding houses. No high density development. Entrance to the villages onto the High Street from Pampisford Road has a pleasant open feel any future development should maintain this with building set well back from road.

Your Name: E. H. Taylor

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. A village, by definition, is a small community and it should be kept that way.
2. Development of Bancroft Farm would damage the rural image - see previous Inspectors' findings on this site.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address:

Postcode:

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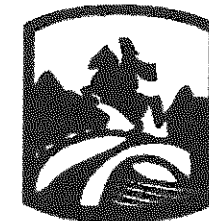
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WHO CAN WE CONTACT ONCE THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IS APPROVED?  
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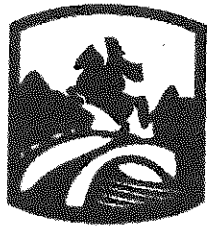
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Your Name: ROBIN & KAY HARMAN

Address:

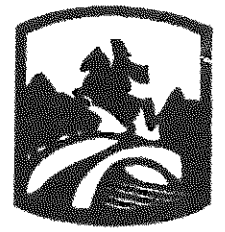
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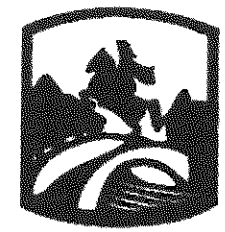
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LINTON RD = ORCHARD SHOULD BE PLANTED ALONG LINTON RD INCORPORATING EXISTING TREE LINE CREATING NATURAL WATER RUN OFF AND NOISE BARRIER AND WOULD BE MORE ACCESSIBLE TO VILLAGERS. ACCESS RD TO HOUSES COULD BE REPOSITIONED OR PASS THROUGH ORCHARD

Your Name: JOHN DICKINS

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

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I would hope that the houses will be more sympathetically designed than the Council houses in Gr Abington High Street.



Your Name: Karen Langford

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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YES  \*NOTE NO

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*\*NOTE If the trees could be left along Church Road + one entrance to new homes that would be fine as "arch" of trees is very beautiful + a shame to lose this. Bancroft farm site looks a mess so sympathetic development of 6 homes could be possible.*

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Address:

Postcode:

Email:

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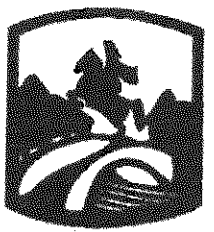
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YES  NO

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① Development to be restricted to 30 homes with green spaces & screening from allotments + community orchard  
 ③ Please ensure that trees are fully preserved + screening of houses from road to preserve the current aspect & rural atmosphere.

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Both councils are congratulated for putting this plan in motion to help provide more housing in the Abingtons.

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*Needs to be a mixture of housing for elderly, less able (& bungalows) who are downsizing, young families moving to village with play areas, access to village facilities, public transport etc. Deerp should be keeping with existing or retain any existing features with keeping. More concerned about creep on large adjacent sites.*

Your Name: MR M.C. SMITH.

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*My main concerns are the additional impact of that additional traffic will create. Both from incoming families and service vehicles. Already the main Haverhill Highway has become one of the most dangerous roads in the UK.*

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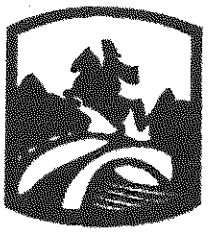
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*We think all housing should be high quality. ~~see~~ bullet point 2 Little Abington.*



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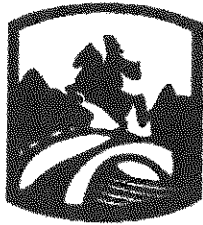
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I believe the village would benefit from more affordable houses for first-time buyers or local residents wishing to down-size. 27 Oct 13

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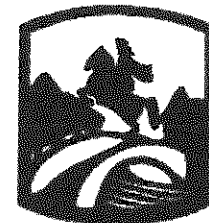
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*I would query who will look after the orchard as this will be a long term project.*

Your Name: A.D. HANNAH

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

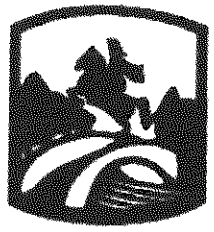
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Your Name: CHRISTINE TALBOT

Address:

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Real need for homes for young families plus one/two bedroom properties for people wishing to downsize

Your Name: J. FAIKS A. HUTCHINGS

Address:

Postcode:

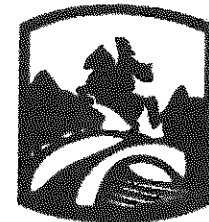
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Q1 This site is noisy - traffic & kennels and develop- ment would spoil rural Abington. It could encourage & more developments beyond the village envelope. Good arable land.  
Q2 This is used for pasture and should be preserved.  
Q3 Could its proposed designation as LGC make it suitable for a community orchard?

Your Name: WET WARD  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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 OF VILLAGE CANNOT cope WITH MORE  
 HOUSING. CAN THE SCHOOL, DOGERS ROAD S  
 ETC. cope WITH SO MUCH MORE HOUSING??



Your Name: MARC WHITEHEAD  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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ANY NEW DEVELOPMENT ALONG THE LINTON RD SITE IS GOING TO CAUSE CONFLICT. HOUSES OPPOSITE MY HOME & BUSINESS IS SURELY GOING TO CAUSE A PROBLEM WITH NOISE. I WILL BE COMPLETELY OPPOSED TO THIS PROPOSAL.

Your Name: PATRICK & JEAN DAUNT

Address:

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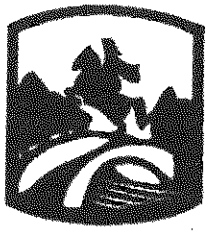
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We think that the Linton Road site should be reduced a little to allow modest expansion of the allotments. This would then accommodate residents of the new houses wanting a plot.

Your Name: Bernie Talbot  
Address:  
  
Postcode:  
Email:

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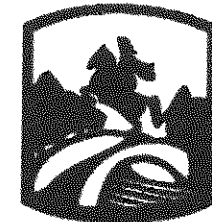
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Address:

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### ADD ANY COMMENTS HERE:

WE WOULD PREFER BANCROFT FARM TO REMAIN AS A LOCAL GREEN SPACE. HOWEVER, IF SIX HOUSES ARE BUILT WE WOULD LIKE THE TREES ON THE ~~OTHER~~ SIDE OF THE ROAD <sup>where the houses would be built.</sup> TO BE PRESERVED AS THEY ADD TO THE 'RURAL' FEEL AND ABSORB ROAD POLLUTION. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE THE PLINT WALL PRESERVED

Your Name: A.V. BAKER

Address:

Postcode:

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Linton R.O. Project  
would be a ribbon development

Your Name: Dereh Smith  
 Address:  
  
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 Email:

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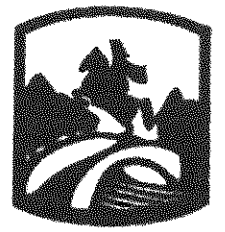
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ADD ANY COMMENTS HERE: *Option D*

*This development will feed directly onto main Cambridge/Haverhill road - already overloaded. Our site will have gates of feeding onto A11 & A505, Also "thin end of wedge" for development of whole field.*

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The location closest to shop etc viz Linton Rd site front should be used for garden apartments or 2 bed homes for elderly. The GA's could be 2 storey with a lift to 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Please indicate distance from shop & street fronts

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Name: ANN ROGERS

Address:

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Your Name: LINDSEY RUSTMORE

Address:

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Your Name: J. T. Amour

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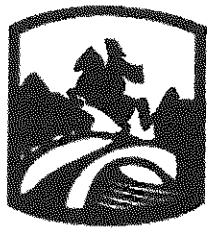
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### ADD ANY COMMENTS HERE:

~~1/2~~ MOST OF THE HOUSING MAY BE BEST IF THEY WERE 1/2 BEDS.

Your Name: LISA BALDOCK

Address:

Postcode:

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*In principle we understand housing is needed BUT we need to ensure that provision for school places are made before the houses are built, this does not seem to be a priority yet a major requirement given families are likely to move in.*

Name: MR. & MRS. A. THOMSON

Address:

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"No" to no2 because traffic on the High St. already has to move onto the pavement to allow the bus no3 + lorries to pass along.

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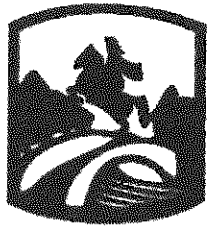
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*It is suggested that any development at Bancroft Farm should be devised in such a way to retain the massing, 'footprint' (s) and general appearance of the existing (albeit now derelict) farm complex with its flint walls, brick quoins, pantiles etc. (and maybe even the grain stores could be re-used usefully! (??) employed*

Your Name: JD - SM TUNNICLIFFE

Address:

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Very sensible proposals. A useful and not insignificant number of houses in Gr. Abington. Essential to keep the allotments and the orchard as a potential asset.  
Well done, CAH!

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Brownfield sites and those which naturally "round off" the village are a positive move. My feeling is that the conversion of "green field" sites are less positive & destroy our rural heritage.*

Your Name: MACINTYRE

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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### ADD ANY COMMENTS HERE:

AS THERE ARE NO NEW JOBS SUDDENLY AVAILABLE IN THE AREA WE SEE NO NEED TO RADICALLY CHANGE THE COMMUNITY REEL OF OUR TWO VILLAGES, BY BUILDING LOADS OF NEW HOUSES.



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Your Name: Mrs Anne Syfret  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*The allotments are sensible land usage for our residents, and I think a community orchard would be good as it would serve as a useful buffer against possible new housing. This, however, I hope will not go ahead in the field as proposed. Too many villages are spoiled by losing wide open land as this is. I hope the smaller areas will be sufficient contribution to help housing shortage. Keep the Abingtons beautiful*

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### ADD ANY COMMENTS HERE:

LINTON ROAD SITE COULD MEAN UPTO 70  
EXTRA CARS TRYING TO GET OUT ONTO THE  
1307 AT PEAK HOURS

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Address:

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Your Name: JOAN NEVIN

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

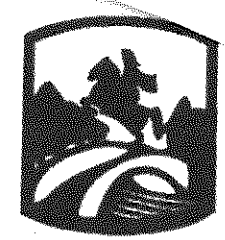
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*If a community orchard is to be considered then I think consideration should be given to planting a copse of native trees.*

Your Name: H.J. Davies  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
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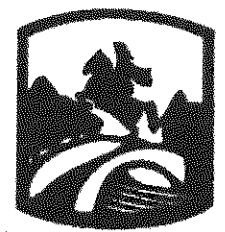
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\* AND MEADOW ~~SOFT~~ WALK

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*My agreement conditional upon any future developments follow the Parish Council's findings on community needs as indicated in this leaflet. Linton Rd development site not to encroach on to A1307 and maintenance of hedging wherever possible.*

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LINTON ROAD SITE IS A GOOD SITE BUT A COMMUNITY ORCHARD IS UN-NECESSARY AND WILL BECOME A FINANCIAL DRAIN ON THE COMMUNITY PURSE AS WELL AS A DIFFICULT MANAGEMENT ISSUE.

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Your Name: LIZ PAYNE

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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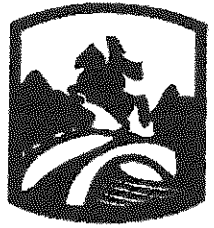
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Fully agree that more housing is required particularly affordable housing and housing for those wishing to downsize. As long as this is done sympathetically, so any new development is in keeping with the current surroundings, it will be a good thing.

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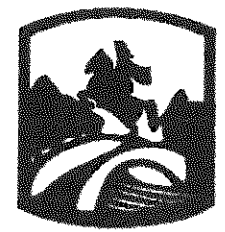
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Address:

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Your Name: R+N HERBERHOLTZ

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Community Orchard to be planted on the Linton Road - sound barrier & better visually  
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The Abingtons are surrounded by higher ground & building would cause more flooding in the village particularly the High St, where run-off is already a problem. This must be planned for.

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Your Name: JAPHNE HANNAH

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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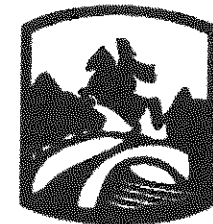
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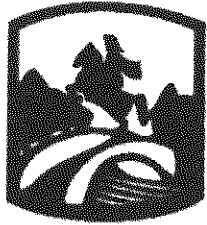
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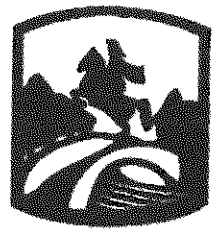
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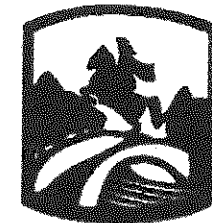
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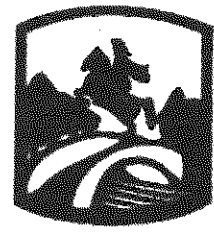
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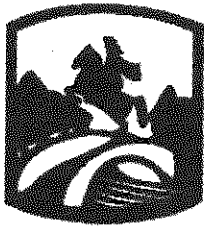
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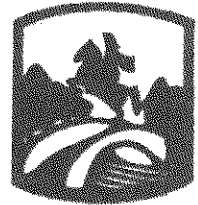
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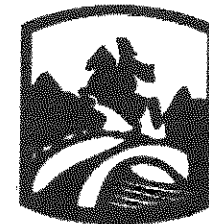
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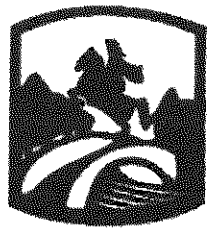
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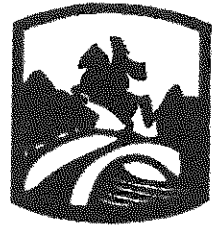
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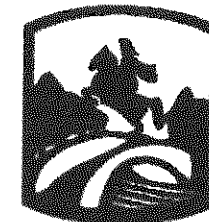
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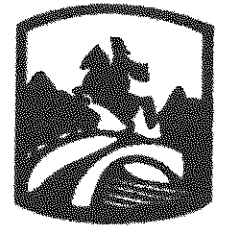
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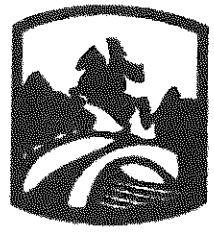
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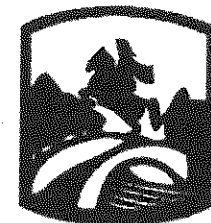
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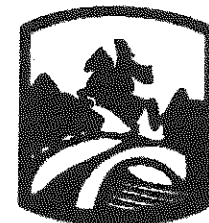
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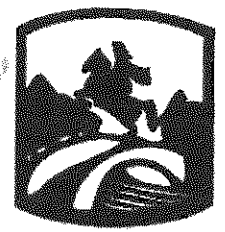
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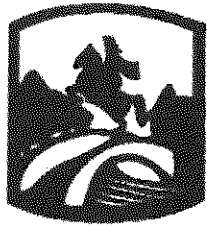
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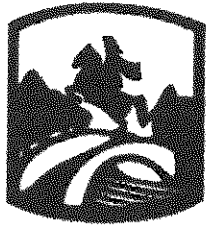
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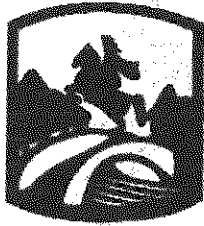
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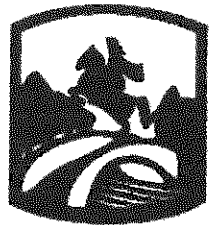
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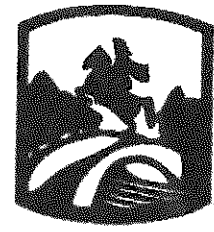
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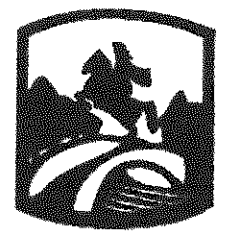
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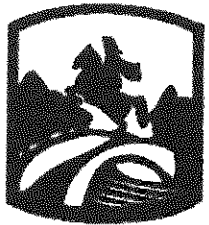
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Please complete the questions on the back, add your name and address and return by 5 p.m. on Monday 16th December 2013 to:

Little Abington Parish Council  
Mrs Genevieve Dalton  
27 West Field  
Little Abington  
Cambridge  
CB21 6BE

Great Abington Parish Council  
Mrs Paula Harper  
17 Lewis Crescent  
Great Abington  
Cambridge  
CB21 6AG

[Redacted]

Reference Planning in Great and Little Abington

I have been asked to give my intentions with regard to

two sites which I own. Both have been suggested by the villages.  
CHURCH LANE:

The first is in Church Lane, Little Abington. This is what was the farmyard of my farm, Bancroft Park Farm (shown on O.S. maps as Bancroft Farm). Changing agricultural practices, notably from animal husbandry to wholly arable, means that this now consists of a number of redundant buildings, all either in a poor condition or collapsed. The site, in my view, meets some of the needs of the villages, as expressed in the housing survey. It has been selected as one of three sites. Were it to be granted development I would not hesitate to develop it immediately, bearing in mind the crying demand of the two villages for suitable housing.

LINTON ROAD:

The second is part of a much larger field, I granted a bit of it as allotments, at the request of the villages. It is proposed that housing be incorporated with the allotments and that a small community orchard be likewise made and incorporated. Again, I am in favour and would immediately act to develop in accordance with the wishes of the villages and the views of the planning authority. I favour houses in keeping with the village, in both instances

Yours

**Chris and Bernie Talbot**

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**To:** Bernie Talbot

**Subject:** RE: Housing in the Abingtons

Dear Bernie,

Thank you for your email, we have been away for a few days.

Please find below a proposed letter to SCDC based on your suggestions.

Regards,  
Brian

Dear Sirs,

With reference to our five acres of land with access off the Pampisford Road at Great Abington which has been suggested as suitable for development, the purpose of this letter is to state that if all or part of the land was designated as such in the Local Plan, then provided it was to be developed sympathetically in a way that would enhance the Village, we would be prepared to sell all or part of it at a fair and reasonable price as soon as it was agreed, practical, and possible for the new development to take place.

We all know houses are badly needed in the area and we would be pleased to provide Great Abington with the ability to develop additional accommodation.

We have lived in Hildersham, the adjoining Village to Great and Little Abington for 35 years, and during that time the three Villages have always been seen as one, even to having a monthly Magazine that encompasses the three Villages.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Moore

14/01/2014





## COMMITTEE for ABINGTON HOUSING

### **SCDC Local Plan - Proposed Submission - July 2013**

#### **Response from Committee for Abington Housing October 2013**

Great Abington Parish Council and Little Abington Parish Council jointly set up the Committee for Abington Housing as a response to the SHLAA process and its impact, or lack of impact, on our community. The parish councils were unhappy that so much potential development was put forward in the SHLAA process, which would have been devastating if it had all gone ahead. We were then surprised to find that no development at all was going to be allowed and the housing needs of our community were not going to be met.

The Committee for Abington Housing began working in October 2012 on trying to bring about a small amount of natural growth to our village whilst avoiding huge development that would cause a major impact. We agreed a purpose for the committee which was and remains: 'To fulfil the housing needs and improve amenities for The Abingtons whilst not affecting the overall character of the village. The housing needs as identified in the 2011 Housing Survey and amenities identified in the updated village plan including access to superfast broadband and the provision of a Community Orchard.'

The committee has met on 10 occasions up to the end of September 2013. The meetings have all been in Abington Village Institute and have been open to the public (minutes attached). An open session was held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2013 where plans and proposals were on display and committee members were present to talk to those who attended. The event was well attended with 54 members of the community being present during the session. In addition all aspects of the work of the committee have been reported on ten occasions in the monthly Abington and Hildersham News, which is delivered to every house in the two villages (recent copies attached).

In response to the Local Plan - Proposed Submission the committee would like to say how unhappy we are that the draft concentrates all housing development solely in new communities, extensions to existing communities and larger villages. This approach leaves the Abingtons with no growth at all as we have little opportunity for any development within our village framework.

We would like to refer to the National Planning Policy Framework recommendations. Specifically paragraph 55 on the subject of development in rural area says 'To promote sustainable development in rural areas, housing

should be located where it will enhance or maintain the vitality of rural communities’.

Later in the framework document on in paragraph 155 where it talks about the creation of Local Plans it says ‘Early and meaningful engagement and collaboration with neighbourhoods, local organisations and businesses is essential. A wide section of the community should be proactively engaged, so that Local Plans, as far as possible, reflect a collective vision and a set of agreed priorities for the sustainable development of the area ...’

Finally, in the section on Neighbourhood Plans in paragraph 184 it says ‘Neighbourhood planning provides a powerful set of tools for local people to ensure that they get the right types of development for their community. The ambition of the neighbourhood should be aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area’.

We would also like to refer to the draft National Planning Practice Guidance document which says, under the heading of ‘Should local authorities apply blanket policies preventing housing development in rural areas?’ The three paragraphs below follow.

- It is important to recognise the particular issues facing rural areas in terms of housing supply and affordability, and the role of housing in supporting the broader sustainability of villages and smaller settlements. This is clearly set out in the National Planning Policy Framework ...
- A thriving rural community in a living, working countryside depends, in part, on retaining local services and community facilities such as schools, local shops, public houses and places of worship. Affordable and accessible rural housing is essential to ensure viable use of these local facilities.
- Assessing housing need and allocating sites should be considered at a strategic level and through the Local Plan and/or neighbourhood plan process. However, all settlements can play a role in delivering sustainable development – and so blanket policies restricting housing development in some settlements and preventing other settlements from expanding should be avoided unless their use can be supported by robust evidence.

We believe that our proposals are in keeping with the policies of the National Planning Policy Framework and the draft National Planning Practice Guidance and as such should be given due consideration.

To achieve our aims we would like to see the draft Local Plan allow for village frameworks to be changed slightly in those cases where the resulting additional development would meet the identified needs of the community, be of an appropriate size and have the support of local residents.

Great Abington Parish Council and Little Abington Parish Council together carried out a housing needs survey in the spring of 2011. This identified the

extent of local housing need, in particular for smaller units, both market and affordable housing, for those who wish to downsize and those who wish to gain a foot on the housing ladder (copy of findings attached).

The Committee for Abington Housing continues to be supported by the Parish Councils. As part of its work the committee has identified possible sites to meet the local need identified in the housing needs survey. Three sites were selected from a long list which included all the SHLAA sites and many others. Whilst one of these three sites is within the village framework (SHLAA site 028 in Church Lane, Little Abington) the other two are just outside. The site within the framework is the smallest of the three, the most sensitive and on its own would not meet the identified need.

Proceeding with the other two sites as exception sites with mainly affordable housing and minimal market housing would also result in us not meeting the identified need. We do need some social housing but we also need smaller, but well designed, market housing particularly for those who want to downsize but stay within the community. We also need properties to enable younger residents to get onto the housing ladder.

The Committee for Abington Housing has kept our community fully informed of the work and continues to do so. With the support of South Cambridgeshire District Council we are currently embarking on a further detailed Parish consultation which will go to every household in the community at the beginning of November 2013 (draft attached). The outcome of this consultation will be submitted later in support of our representations to the Local Plan. Up to this point a small number of people have raised concerns and objections to the proposals but the overwhelming majority are fully behind the proposals and recognise the need for growth to keep our community from stagnating.

In conclusion we would like to request amendments to the village framework of Great Abington as indicated on the attached plan. The Linton Road site (North East corner of SHLAA site 027) is adjacent to the village allotments which were set up about three years ago with the support of SCDC. Whilst these are currently on a two year rolling lease with the landowner the allotment project has proved to be of great benefit to individuals and to community development and we would not like to see them lost or even moved from their current location. We therefore have ambition to achieve community ownership of the allotment land and the creation of a community orchard as part of the development. The second site is the South East corner of SHLAA site 211).

We hope SCDC will agree to these minor changes to the village framework in line with the wishes of our community.

Bernie Talbot  
Chair