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Cake-loving Linton wins national baking award



Linton fire crew with Laura Harden from The Fire Fighters Charity and Linton resident Bex Jacklin, winner of the national prize.

Photos by Richard Whiting

LINTON has won two national awards for charitable efforts led by firefighters.

Linton Fire Station scooped the two top prizes in The Fire Fighter's Charity national Bake a Difference 2016 event.

Show-stopping cakes of all shapes and sizes were baked for charity bake sales at fire stations across the country but it was Linton that came out on top.

Village resident Bex Jacklin won the Star Bake award for her miniature version of Linton Fire Station in chocolate sponge and chocolate ganache.

The cake was baked for the charity event last month, which raised an incredible £1,250 and as a result, led to the station winning the charity's *Bake a Difference Top Bake Sale* award.

The Star Bake award for the most spectacular cake was judged by London firefighter Mat Riley, who was a contestant in the BBC's Great British Bake Off last year.

The Top Bake Sale award, meanwhile, is awarded to the organisation that raised the most money from its bake sale.

The real life Linton Fire Station has been awarded the 2016 Golden Rolling Pin and a hamper of chocolate for raising an amazing £1,250 from its open day. The station used the opportunity to run an open day alongside its bake sale, which involved the whole local community.

A presentation of the prizes, including the Golden Rolling

Pin, was presented at the fire station on Monday 4th July by Laura Harden, regional fundraising manager for The Fire Fighters Charity. Linton firefighter John Reynolds, who organised the Bake a Difference in the village, said: "I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to everybody who was involved in the event at the fire station. We only ever set out to raise as much money as we could for The Fire Fighters Charity, so the fact that we have gone on to scoop both top prizes really is the icing on the cake."

Cambridge Fire and Rescue Services

Editor: I note that many Linton businesses supported the event and many residents attended.

Bartlow Three Counties walk

A PRESENTATION was held in Bartlow Church at which Graham Howat, walk organiser for all of the walk's 13 years, handed over cheques totalling an impressive £10,350 from the 2016 walk to Linton Health Centre, Addenbrooke's diabetes team and Bartlow Church.

Dr Kemp, accepting the cheque, told us that the Health Centre is purchasing a bladder scanner which will be available to patients locally, saving trips to Addenbrooke's.

Dr Acerini on behalf of the diabetes team gave a short presentation showing highlights of the first of their camps for teenagers recently diagnosed with type 1 diabetes, part funded by the walk.

Over its 13 years the walk has raised £128,350 for good causes such as these and it is gratifying to see the 2016 money going to such good use.

Sadly Graham Howat has left Bartlow for pastures new and he has relinquished his role as walk organiser. Graham was presented with a picture painted by local artist Diana Catchpole depicting aspects of the walk.

The 2017 walk will be on 30th April so mark the date in your diaries. The Addenbrooke's cause will be Dancing for Health, an organization which helps a range of Addenbrooke's patients including the elderly and those recovering from strokes.

We were fortunate to have help from a number of locals from Linton and surrounding villages this year carrying out tasks such as selling raffle tickets, face painting, route marshalling



A fitting tribute to Graham

Picture by Diana Catchpole

and manning refreshment points. If you don't fancy walking but might be willing to spend some time with us on 30th April we can certainly find a job for you.

Please contact me on 893644 for a no obligation chat if you would like to know more.

Duncan Ogilvy
New Walk Organiser

Clubs' hard work gets new football pitch

LUCY Frazer, MP for South Cambridgeshire, officially opened a new £223,000 third generation artificial grass pitch in Linton on Saturday 2nd July thanks to a £99,960 grant from the Premier League and the FA Facilities Fund, which provides grants towards developing new or refurbished grass roots football facilities.

The grant has enabled Linton Village College to boost its sports provision for the local community including 21 affiliated grassroots teams and partner clubs, Linton Granta and Linton Aztecs.

The two clubs and the college worked in partnership with the Football Foundation and Cambridgeshire FA to establish a five year Football Development Plan. As a result, the club will establish six new men's teams and a further three women's teams, while also increasing on site participation by 61%.

The Premier League and the FA Facilities Fund is funded by the Premier League, the FA, and the Government, via Sport England and is delivered by the Football Foundation.

Since 2000, the Football Foundation Funding Partners' investment has provided 183 grants worth £7m towards grass roots sports projects worth over £19m across Cambridgeshire, £1.4m in South Cambridgeshire alone.

By providing more high-quality facilities, coupled with coaching at the appropriate age group, the Fund aims to improve the experience for regular players as well as attracting new players to the game.

Lucy Frazer said: "It was a pleasure to open Linton Village College's new 3G pitch today. Sporting facilities such as these are absolutely vital to the broader health and well being of local residents - it is brilliant to see kids and adults alike benefitting from regular physical activity.

I would like to thank the tremendous efforts of all those involved notably the great work of the staff at Linton Village College and its partner clubs. Also the Premier League and the FA Facilities Fund."

Michael Boniface,
0345 345 4555 Ext: 4292



The picture shows MP Lucy Frazer (centre) to her right Chris Abbot Cambridgeshire FA, and to her left Paul Poulter Chairman Linton PC, Brian Manley Director Cambridgeshire FA and Vice Chairman Linton PC surrounded by players of Linton Granta FC.

Photo by Gary Ward Sidelines SP

Bartlow Road Housing Development - Consultation Deadline 5th August

LINTON Parish Council (PC) has been informed that the deadline for comments on the proposed Bartlow Road housing development has been extended to Friday 5th August 2016.

Comments can be sent by post, by email or ideally via the South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) planning website.

Letters should be sent to:

Planning and New Communities,
Karen Pell-Coggins,
South Cambridgeshire District Council,
South Cambridgeshire Hall,
Cambourne Business Park,
Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6EA.

For all letters please include the application reference number which is S/1963/15/OL.

Emails should be addressed to Karen.pell-coggins@scambs.gov.uk and should include the application reference number given above.

To reach the SCDC planning website search in your web browser for *South Cambs Planning*, then click on the option with the heading beginning: *View or comment on a planning application | South Cambs District ...*

Click on *search by reference number*, and type in the reference S/1963/15/OL* (including the*) opposite the *planning reference*

The summary details of the application should

then appear. Click on the reference number and go down to the comments section, click on this and fill in the form that appears and press *submit*.

The developers have amended their previous application and reduced the number of proposed units to 55.

The amended plans can be viewed in the PC office weekdays during normal working hours or the south cambs website see above.

The PC will be submitting a formal objection by the above deadline and will keep trying to get a further extension.

The PC believes that given the scale of this development there has been inadequate public consultation so far.

The PC has major concerns about the potential impact of this development on the flood plain and a long term contamination risk to the Granta, more traffic congestion in the village, inadequate drainage in this part of the village, the lack of school places in the village and the overall lack of sustainability of the proposed development.

The PC is fighting hard against this development but it is critical that that as many residents as possible express their views to SCDC by the above deadline.

Please check the PC website at www.linton-cambridgeshire-pc.gov.uk for further updates.

Paul Poulter, Chair, Linton PC

Too good for jumble...

ITEMS now available are the small red velvet button back armchair, a brand new Aga cooker-hood in original packing, a wool style burgundy coloured rug 59in long x 51in wide and a pair of burgundy lined polyester curtains 54in long x 45in wide, a black glass TV table with 2 shelves 17½in wide x 79in deep x 22in high and the barbeque set on wheels with all tools and charcoal.

The teasmade raised £10 and the typewriter raised £15, both to benefit Guide Dogs for the Blind. The swivel office chair made £10 for First Linton Brownies.

To buy any of the above, or if you have an item to profit a charity, please contact Kate France on 891602 or email kfrance@profsoundconsult.com.

NB: The donor chooses the charity to receive the money.



Goodbye and thank you



MY time at the Infants has now come to an end and I would like to dedicate my last post to the amazing school community. During my nine years I have been so well supported allowing the school to flourish and continue to offer an outstanding education for the young people of Linton. There are so many people I would like to publicly thank.

Firstly the staff, many of whom over the years, have worked hard and dedicated a huge amount of their time to ensure the provision is the very best it can be. Staff extend beyond the teachers and a special thanks needs to go to the teaching assistants who do so much to ease the pressure on the teachers. This group of individuals go above and beyond to ensure each and every child has the best opportunities. I know the children and families recognise and appreciate the exceptional qualities these individuals have and the difference they make. There are other support staff who ensure the school runs smoothly, those in the office who are always happy to help. The site and cleaning staff who ensure the school is clean, tidy, warm and safe to allow learning to happen.

The governors who volunteer to lead the school strategically taking responsibility for the standards of education on offer. They have led with care and humility yet still challenge us to ensure we expected and got the best we could possibly get. The PTFA who are always there to lend a helping hand as well as offer an outlet for fun. The commitment of a core group has ensured additional funds have been available to us. Such a supportive group has meant we could do things that would otherwise have been very difficult. The outdoor area is a credit to their commitment.

The families who have worked in partnership to ensure all children stand the best chance. Thank you to all who sent special cards and messages which have recognised that the school cared about their children and appreciated the great start to their educational journey. These have meant a great deal.

The cluster school head teachers with whom I had the privilege of working to ensure our school was offering an education for the community to be proud of and together we have made all our schools better for a collaborative approach.

I am grateful to St Mary's Linton for their pastoral support during difficult times as well as offering an added dimension which so many schools lack. I will miss the chance to be still, quiet and reflective during a Friday service.

Each and everyone of those groups makes a special and invaluable contribution. However, I wish to finish off by naming a few individuals whom without their support, my job of headteacher would have been impossible.

1. Clare Sleeman, my assistant head. She is an inspiration, a truly outstanding teacher who cares beyond comprehension for each and every child. She has undoubtedly brought learning alive during her time here.

2. Liz Brooker, school secretary extraordinaire. Liz ensures the school runs like clockwork and always seems to be here regardless of the time, day of the week, holiday or not. She has made my job so much easier and has looked after my work life balance. She is the fount of all knowledge when it comes to Linton Infants and I will always be grateful to her for unfaltering support.

3. Lawrence Powell, chair to governors, a voluntary post, who has given up his time freely to support on some major projects to improve the fabric of the school. Lawrence has supported me through some challenging times and together we have got the outcomes the school deserves.

Lastly, the children; you have made this job a privilege. You, the children, make each and every day different although never without smiles and laughter. There have been some absolute highlights, camels, helicopter rides, fire engine visits, whole school trips to castles and sleep overs. I hope you remember them as dearly as I will. Thank you Linton CE Infant School for coming on the journey with me, making my time a happy and successful one. God bless you all and I wish you all continued success.
Louise Clark, Headteacher



Heights bid farewell to Year 6

AS a successful year drew to a close a new one begins. It is fabulous to see how much has been achieved by the children, staff, parents and governors in one year. The achievements extend from the academic, to the sporting and the creative arts.

From all of this year's highlights my favourite was getting to know the Year 6. They started in September as children but by the time they left in July were young adults.

Year 6 sums up all that Linton Heights is about. The children have worked incredibly hard over the last year but also had a fantastic time. In addition to doing very well in their SATs examinations, the children have enjoyed the French trip, Aylmerton residential, the summer production *Dream On* and so many events and activities.

I hope they look back at their time at Linton Heights with fondness and perhaps return to regale us with their achievements.

Whilst it is onwards and upwards for the Class of 2016, we also welcome a new Year 3 intake. We never stand still and we are always looking at how we can improve. 2016-17 will be no different.

From the inspirational plans of David Waite the Year 4 teacher and Rebecca Rix, a parent, we look forward to seeing the new and improved ground facilities ready for September. This includes an outdoor learning area and a forest school development which can be used not only by our own, but also other community groups.

If you are able to assist financially or know of contacts in local companies or fundraising trusts which are able to further support our improvement campaign, please let us know.

We look forward with eager anticipation to the new academic year.

James Puxley, HeadTeacher

We are running a Parentalk

THERE will be a Primary Years Course this coming September at Linton Heights Junior school. It is a 6 week DVD based course, with intervals for discussion and will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6.45pm until 8.45pm starting on Tuesday 13th September.

The course is free and is open to any parent or carer with primary aged children or younger, from any background or family structure.

The subjects covered in the course are;

- 1) It's not just me
- 2) Love them and let them know
- 3) It's good to talk
- 4) Boundaries and battles
- 5) Parenting with elastic
- 6) Creating a sense of belonging

Parentalk is all about helping Mums and Dads do the best job they can at bringing up their children. It gives parents the opportunity to share their experiences, learn from each other and explore some essential parenting principles.

For more information, or if you'd like to attend the course, please email me on rebcampbell06@yahoo.com

Becky Campbell

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Summer fun and farewell

IT'S been a very busy term at Chestnut Playgroup. The children have been making full use of our outdoor space helping to search for worms to start our wormery and growing mangetout and strawberries which they've been enjoying preparing for (and eating) a snack.

We've had a really busy time and have been very pleased to welcome new staff. We held a successful summer event based on the theme of *Rio 2016* where the children enjoyed races and were very enthusiastic on the *soak the staff* stall.

The summer term also means that we say a fond farewell to our school leavers as they move up to Big School. They have all been superstars and we wish them the very best of luck.

We are very pleased to announce that from September we will now be open on Mondays from 9am to 2.30pm with morning, lunchtime, and afternoon sessions available.

We hope everyone enjoys their summer break.

The staff and committee of Chestnut Playgroup
chestnut.pg@gmail.com

Fun, flowers and a fair



Our display at the flower festival

Photograph supplied by the playgroup

WHAT a busy few weeks we've all had at Linton Granta Playgroup.

Firstly a big thank you to everyone who came and supported us at our first ever Summer Fair which was a big success. The sun came out especially for us and the day got off to a great start with the children and adults taking part in the races. I think we spotted some future Olympians.

The children have also been busy helping with the display for the flower festival and chose the book *Handas Surprise* to fit in with this year's theme of journeys. Well done children, it looked fantastic.

We spent a lovely day at Linton Zoo on our end of term outing. The children and adults thoroughly enjoyed seeing the animals and hearing all about them from the keepers. Thank

you to the zoo for a great day.

Finally it was time to say a fond farewell to those children leaving us to start school later this year. As always it is very sad to see them go but we wish them lots of luck as they begin their next big adventure at school in September. For all the children returning in September, and all the new children starting with us, we look forward to seeing you after the holidays.

We are now taking bookings for September 2016. We are open mornings from 9am-12noon M-F, lunch from 12noon-12.30pm M-F and afternoons from 12.30-2.30pm M, W, Th, F.

Please contact us on 07806 744864 to enquire about availability, or email office@linton-grantaplaygroup.

Harriett Allen
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Local services

Dear Editor
When a friend asked if I knew anyone locally who could copy family VHS tapes to DVDs, I remembered that some time ago Roger Lapwood had done some for me and for a small charge was happy to offer the facility to other local people. If you have a tape or disc you want copied please phone him on 01223 971797. Obviously there may be copyright protection on some items.
Kate France, Emson's Close

OUR THANKS

Dear Editor
I would like to thank all the generous people who attended my coffee morning in June in aid of Alzheimer's Research and made it such a success. After the rain we had the day before we were doubtful that we would have the weather on our side but, once again, the sun shone and the temperature was perfect.

To all my helpers, a huge thank you, I really could not do it without you.

This year we raised an amazing £911 which will go to the charity this week.

As I said last year, it is at times like this that I realise how many lovely generous people that I know, not forgetting all their friends who also come and give their support.

I hope to see you all again next year.

Wendy Foster, Emson's Close

Dear Editor,
John and I would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support following the recent death of my little Mum, Christina Graham.

In particular, the professionalism and gentle concern of Mr Paintin and his caring staff made the arrangements and funeral so much easier to bear. Canon Maggie Guite held a tender service with very apt mentions of her beloved County Durham.

We thank everyone for making Mum's last years in Linton so happy, and for the friendship and affection shown by so many.
Enid Bald, Symond's Lane

Granta School gets Sawston fun run grant



It's fun to run

Picture by John Hunting

LOCAL charities and organisations have received £13,275 from Cambridge Sawston Rotary Club following the Sawston Fun Run held on 15th May. This includes £475 given to the Granta School. The cumulative amount donated to local Cambridgeshire good causes since the event was first held has now reached over £424,000.

The Sawston Steel Pan Band greeted over 80 guests to a celebratory evening held at Sawston Village College when Peter White, President of the local Rotary club, welcomed charities and guests.

Peter White said: "The Rotary club was delighted it could organise the event as the community clearly enjoyed the chance to come together annually and it gave the Rotary Club an opportunity to help local charities and organisations. That such a large amount of money has been raised over the years is evidence of the attraction of the event and we are just pleased we can play our part in making it happen".

The event's main sponsor The Cambridge Building Society was thanked as well as many other groups who all provided sponsor support. Thanks were also given to the advertisers, and support organisations who helped on the day.

The annual shields to those individuals who raised the most sponsorship funding were awarded to Philippa Priddle, Sasha Harrison and Harry Thomas.

The 2017 event will be held on 14th May. For further information contact me on 893447 or t.collett@virgin.net

Tony Collett

The heyday of the Heyworth shop girls

theWI OUR meeting started with Sue Gladstone from Balsham WI who gave us her account of the Brighton AGM.

This was followed by our speaker Ellee Seymour's talk based on her best selling book of reminiscences by shop girls who worked at Heyworth's department store in Sidney Street, Cambridge in the early 20th century, the golden age of retail.

Herbert Heyworth, the owner, inherited the business in the 1940s from his father George whose main interest was millinery.

Heyworth's stocked at least 1,000 hats. Ladies would

bring their untrimmed hats and choose their own decoration.

Herbert ran an upmarket shop whose clientele included the Marchioness of Cambridge who once bought five hats for Royal Ascot, and also the gypsies from Midsummer fair whose children ran wild in expensive garish dresses.

The shop girls were expected to wear black skirts and white blouses and to stand straight at all times.

Herbert could be mean and sacked one girl for slouching. He could also be generous and thought nothing of flying his staff to Paris and arranging many days out.

George Heyworth almost certainly met Harry Selfridge when he came to Cambridge in the 1920s.

Selfridges in Oxford Street opened four years before George opened his first store in Burleigh Street, Cambridge.

Heyworth's closed in 1965 and even a local historian had not heard of it. A few of our members could remember their mothers taking them there as children.

At our next meeting on 2nd August the talk will be *Don't Ask for the Dead Man's Toolkit* by Mrs Carole Henderson.

New members and visitors always welcome.

Sally Proberts 891021

Parish visiting

If you or anyone known to you would like to see someone from St Mary's Church, Linton, please contact Rev. Maggie Guite (890273) or Rev. Lesley Gore (891970) and a visit will be arranged. *Editors Note: If any other churches would like to have a similar advert please contact me.*

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Details of items in bold type may be found in this edition.

WEEKLY

Seedlings, alternate Mondays 1.15-2.45pm	CC
Netball, Monday evenings, 6.30pm junior, 7.30pm adult	LVC
Chestnut baby/toddler group, 9.30-11.30am Monday term time	CC
Linton Granta football bingo, 7pm Mondays	Pavilion
Men's keep fit, 8-9.30pm Mondays	LVC sports centre
Chestnut playgroup sessions Tues-Fri term time	CC
Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701)	
WEA, Tuesdays, 10am term-time	VH
Linton Air Cadets Mon and Thurs 7-9.30pm (07717801056)	LVC
Scrabble Club, 10am-12noon alternate Tuesdays	CP
Linton Granta playgrp, 9am-12noon Monday-Friday	LVC
Linton Granta Toddler grp, 9.30-11.30 Tuesdays term time	LVC
Linton Granta playgrp, 12.30-2.30pm Mon-Fri, NOT Tues	LVC
Storytime, 2-2.30pm Tuesdays, term-time	Library
Granta Bridge club, 2pm Tuesdays	VH
Granta duplicate bridge club, 2-4pm Tuesdays	VH
IT club-computer help, 7pm Tuesdays	CC
Linton chess club, 7.30pm Tuesdays (893509)	CC
Tots in tow, 10-11.30am Wednesdays term time only	VH
Jelly Beans playgroup, 9-11.30am Thursdays	URC
New Beginnings (with Baby Sensory), 1.15-2.45pm, Thursdays	CC
Computer buddies, 2-4pm, Thursdays	Library
Dance Fit, 6.45pm, Thursdays from May	LVC Dance Studio
Cricket club, 6-8pm Thursdays	RG, LVC
Carpet bowls, 7.30pm Thursdays	VH
Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, 9.15-10am Fridays	CP
Stay and Play, Fridays 10am - 11.30am	CC
St Mary's church choir, 7-8.30pm Fridays	St Mary's
Bridge club, 7pm Fridays	CC

For sports centre courses please call LVC sports centre on 890248

AUGUST 2016

1 Camera club, 7.15pm	CC
2 Friends of St Mary's Summer Tea, 3pm	St Mary's
2 WI, 7.30pm	VH
3 Reading Group, 8pm	Upstairs VH
4 Luncheon Club, 12 noon	Old Red Lion, Horseheath
6 Farmers' Market	VH
8 Whist Drive, 7.30pm	VH
9 VIP group, 2pm	Chalklands
10 Community Navigator, 10-12noon	HC
14 Lighthouse, 10.15am - 12noon	URC
17 Cambridgeshire Hearing Help, 9.30am - 12noon	HC
18 Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm	CC
19 Daylight Readers	Library
21 Walking Group, 11am	Church Lane
21 Messy Church, 2.30pm	St Mary's

SEPTEMBER 2016

1 Luncheon Club, 12 noon	Red Lion, Horseheath
3 Farmers' Market	VH
5 Camera club, 7.15pm	CC
6 WI, 7.30pm	VH
7 Reading group, 8pm	Upstairs VH

KEY: CC Cathodeon centre, CP church pavilion, D&D Dog and Duck, HC health centre, LH Linton Heights school, LIS Linton Infant school, LVC Linton village college, RG recreation ground, URC United Reformed church, VH village hall.

Library times: Mon closed; Tue 10am-5pm; Wed 4pm-7pm; Thurs 2pm-5pm; Fri 10am-5pm; Sat 10am-1pm.

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Linton Flower festival

WITH the weather in our favour, the weekend of the flower festival was a great success. The flower arrangements were viewed and many kind words were received at the quality of the flowers and arrangements all fashioned on the theme of Journeys.

Refreshments were served in the church pavilion on Friday with lunches and desserts served on Saturday and Sunday finishing off with cream teas.

The musical entertainment started off on Saturday afternoon with Brian East on the keyboard playing and singing some lovely old songs that were enjoyed by all who sat and listened.

There were stalls selling cakes, plants, books, jewellery with the bottle stall selling out very quickly with happy people hugging many bottles with assorted contents.

The teddy bears behaved themselves as their owners waited anxiously for the moment they were launched from the church tower and landed with gentle ease to the ground. Once on the ground you could take your teddy on a teddy bear trail around the churchyard stamping your letter on a paper teddy to spell out the word Flower with a prize of a lolly and rosette once completed.

We were entertained by Simon Godsill on the organ followed by Rachel Godsill and



Ruth and Naomi by Nanette Blackmore

Picture by David Donnan

Lisa Kennedy singing and Anne Bradley accompanied them on the piano.

The Mum's Choir sang some lovely songs and were very much appreciated for their brilliant harmonies. The raffle was drawn at this point.

The duck race was long awaited and what the ducks needed was a gentle push to get started so they arrived at the Horn Lane Bridge for the final spurt over the finishing line.

Our team of bell ringers ended the festival with a quarter peal ringing throughout the village.

Our thanks go to the many people who helped in any way to make this event happen and especially to the sponsors who once again gave generously to this flower festival. We made over £4,000.

Nanette Blackmore, Flower Festival Co-ordinator

Sawston Adult Education Classes this autumn

WE are excited to offer you a completely new range of courses for the next academic year. Indian Dance, Jive, Afternoon Singers, Turkish for Fun and Travel is just a small sample of what we will be offering.

We have some taster sessions on Saturday 10th September 10am to 11am for which we charge £5 (this is refundable upon enrolment for the same course commencing September). Booking is essential to guarantee your place. The subjects currently available to try are French beginners, Guitar, Indian Cookery, Introduction to Writing Fiction, Art History, Italian beginners, Portraiture, Spanish beginners and Tai Chi.

All our new and usual courses are on our website www.sawstonadulted.org

If you wish to make a booking you will find a booking form on our website or alternatively, please feel free to come in at the main reception here at Sawston Village College. We also have an enrolment morning on Saturday 10th September from 9am to 12noon, so you could come in then to book your place.

The Adult Learning team will be available Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm from Wednesday 24th August. Our telephone number is 712424 or email community@sawstonvc.org

Sue King & Amanda Hoskins
The Adult Education Department



Examples of classes at Sawston

Pictures supplied by Sawston Adult Education Department

We will remember them August 1916

LINTON men were still losing their lives during the Battle of the Somme. Three men who probably signed up together, served in the same battalion of the Suffolk Regiment. Henry Goodwin and Edward Nokes's service numbers were just one number apart.

Private Edward George Casbolt 05.08.16

Edward was born in 1896, son of George and Alice, he lived on the Cambridge Road and worked as an Assistant Gamekeeper. Edward went to France in July 1915 and was a member of the 8th Battalion East Surrey Regiment when he was sadly killed in action.

Edward is commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial in Belgium.

Private Edward George Nokes 08.08.16

Edward was born in 1886, son of William and Harriett and lived in the Malting Cottages and worked as a horseman prior to enlistment. George was a member of the 7th Battalion Suffolk Regiment but was sadly killed in action.

Edward is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

Private Henry Goodwin 09.08.16

Henry was born in 1892, son of Harry and Susanah. Henry lived in the Grip with his parents and worked as a farm labourer. Henry also became a member of the 7th Battalion Suffolk Regiment, where he was also killed in action during operations.

Henry is also commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

Private Frank Norton 09.08.16

Frank was born in 1890, son of Charles and Fanny. Frank lived in Barham (Bartlow) Road with his widowed mother and worked as a farm labourer. Frank was also a member of the 7th Battalion Suffolk Regiment, where he was also killed in action during operations.

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Linton Community Adult Learning Courses

ANOTHER successful year for Adult Education at Linton Village College (LVC) comes to a close, but we are preparing for the new academic year.

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We also offer workshops as a great way of learning new skills in a day or two. These range from Upholstery and Floristry to Indian Pakistani Cookery and Tai Chi. Please call 891233 for information on enrolment or email adult.education@lvc.org.

A full list of courses and workshops and enrolment forms can be found on our website www.lvccommunity.org.

Jane Carpenter, Community Business Office,
891233 ext.303

Summer activities at Wandlebury

ADVANCE booking is essential for all courses and children must be accompanied throughout except for the one unaccompanied event. Meet at the Wandlebury Stable Rooms. Dress according to the weather and for being outside.

Why not bring a packed lunch and have a picnic in the park after your event?

For prices and more information: email bookings@cambridgeppf.org, call 243830 extension 207 or visit www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on.

Stick Fun for children aged five and over on Tuesday 2nd August from 10am to 12pm. Guided by the staff team, children will have all sorts of fun building stick towers, animals and dens.

Animal Tracking for accompanied children aged three to six on Wednesday 3rd August from 10am to 12noon. Younger children will relish the chance to follow clues through the woods, nets at the ready, to identify real animal evidence.

Nature Safari for accompanied children aged five and over on Wednesday 10th August from 10am to 12noon. Set out on your own nature adventure. Prowl around Wandlebury, using nets in the pond and grasslands, and get a buzz as you watch intently in the observation beehive.

Wild Art for unaccompanied children aged eight to 12 on Friday 12th August from 10am to 4pm. Your children can unleash their creativity on this day of guided, experimental fun. Drop children off for the day with our experienced team, where they'll soak up the beautiful natural surroundings as inspiration for their art.

Wear suitable old clothing and bring a packed lunch and a drink.

Tilly the Travelling Tearoom at Wandlebury

Sundays 14th, 21st and 28th August from 11am to 5pm.

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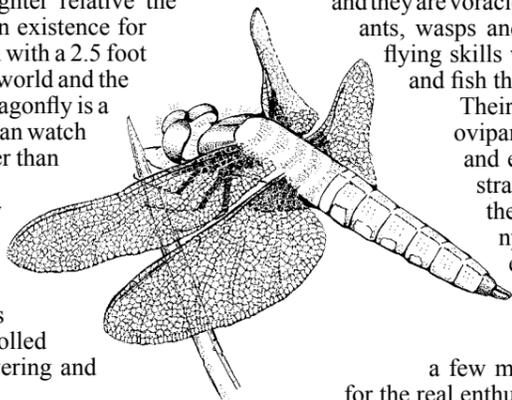
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It's the season for dragonflies

WATCHING a dragonfly, or it's slightly lighter relative the damselfly, is mesmerizing. They have been in existence for 300 million years, and fossils have been found with a 2.5 foot wingspan. There are 5000 species all over the world and the myths surrounding them are legendary. The dragonfly is a marvel of aerodynamic engineering, and you can watch it in your back garden for nothing. Miles better than Duxford.

A bit of research on these extraordinary creatures reveals fascinating facts. They move at 45 mph and yet flap their wings only 30 times a minute. A mere housefly flaps at 1000 times a minute. They have two sets of wings, and the angle of each can be controlled independently. This leads to spectacular hovering and aerial manoeuvres in all directions, resolving territorial disputes with deadly dogfights. They even mate while flying. Their eyes, which touch each other, have 30,000 lenses,



and they are voracious snatchers of mosquitoes, flies, ants, wasps and occasionally butterflies. Their flying skills ward off the birds, lizards, frogs and fish that try to eat them.

Their lifespan is very unusual – they are oviparous (egg-laying to you and me) and eggs are dropped onto a plant or straight into the water. When hatched they can spend up to 4 years living as nymphs in water, moulting between eight and 17 times, and yet when they mature they live for a matter of months.

Next time you spot one, take a few moments to watch it carefully, or for the real enthusiasts, join the British Dragonfly Society. There is a society for everyone and everything.

Oriel O'Loughlin

Hildersham News

It's Teatime

THERE will be no Teatime during August. The next time we meet for tea will be on Tuesday 6th September from 3pm in the Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you then.

Hildersham Church Programme
Autumn 2016 – dates for your diary

- Friday 30th September at 7.30pm in Hildersham Church the Hildersham Lecture will be *Happy Birthday Addenbrooke's, 250 years old*. Who better to celebrate the birthday of our great local hospital than Keith Day MBE. There will be cake (but not candles!)
- Saturday 15th October at 7.30pm in Hildersham Church the Kings Taverners Concert *Spirit of Delight*
- Friday 11th November at 7pm Quiz Night in Hildersham Village.
- Friday 25th November at 7.30pm in Hildersham Church the Hildersham Lecture will be given by Brian and Ruth Moore on *50 Years of the London to Brighton Veteran Car Rally*.

Cathy Myer, 892848

Editor's note: Apologies for not printing the Hildersham News last month due to an oversight.

Ducklings take off and then have second thoughts

ON about 12th June André Tournant decided his ducklings were grown enough to survive the real world. Together with his wife, son and son's girlfriend he prepared a passage from the garden through the office and shop by protecting shelves with cardboard and trailing garden peas to the front door. When he opened the rear door to the garden he hoped mother and family would follow the trail so he could direct them to the river but Mum took exception to the idea and forcefully led her brood back into the garden.



Time to say goodbye, unless there's a free meal on offer

Picture supplied by André

Two weeks later, after much wing practice, mother and five ducklings had flown off over the wall where the ducklings had been practicing flight jumps. After a few more days five more ducklings had left. With just the smallest duck in residence André took the opportunity to clean up the path, pond and garden so little Princess Blondie, who had been bullied by the larger birds, was left in stately splendour swimming up and down the pond and practicing circuits and bumps alone in the garden.

André continued to feed her

free meals a day of rice, peas and birdseed, until he opened the office door on 2nd July and realised that she must have flown off. André and his family were quite despondent and wandered round the meadow and along the river bank in case she had not quite made it to the water.

Then, surprise, surprise, two days later the Blondie Princess appeared in time for breakfast and has since been a regular visitor.

Kate France, 891602

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Solution to 136 - How many tins of each on the shelves?

There are 15 tins of Azuki beans, 6 tins of Borlotti beans, 20 tins of Chick Peas and 6 tins of Kidney beans.

Urania

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cinderella Ring

THE Cinderella ring on the jewellery stall at the Flower Festival was won by Maisie Conway from Valencia, Spain.

Kate France, Emson's Close

What's on at the library

Giant Lego Event

IF you enjoy playing with Lego come to Linton Library on Monday 22nd August from 10.30am – 12 noon and you will have the opportunity to build with Giant Lego.

Tickets are available from the Library and cost just 50p but booking is essential as numbers are limited.

This activity is for children aged four and over and parents/carers are free.

Summer Reading Challenge

MANY children have already signed up for the Summer Reading Challenge but there is still time to read six library books and gain a certificate and medal.

This year we are celebrating 50 years of Roald Dahl. Children are given a fold out wallet and collect a picture of a Roald Dahl character for each book they read. Younger children can join the Bookstart Bear Club and collect paw print stamps and certificates.

The Summer Reading Challenge finishes on 3rd September.

Liz Cox, Community Library Assistant

Macmillan Coffee Morning at Nichols Court

THE date for this is Monday 26th September starting at 10am. There will be numerous stalls, cakes and coffee, a raffle, plants, bric-a-brac, bring and buy, bacon rolls, and lots more.

Everyone welcome. Please contact me on 894149 if you can help or contribute.

Bel Griffiths

Changes to No 13 bus timetable

FROM 23rd July the Stagecoach No 13 bus (route Haverrhill –Linton- Cambridge) will have minor changes to some evening peak departure times (Monday to Friday). There will be no changes to Monday to Friday off-peak, or Saturday or Sunday journeys.

Battle of Assandun at Saffron Walden Museum

THERE are various hands on holiday activities (eg making helmets) related to the battle for accompanied children from 11am – 1 pm and 2pm - 4 pm on Wednesdays from 3rd to 17th August.

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See also our website: <http://battleofassandun.org/>.

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The Marsh mail



AUGUST is a very significant month for secondary schools. Despite being closed for the summer break, the publication of GCSE examination results at the end of the month is an important milestone in students' educational journeys.

This is the last year when A*-C grades will be used as a universal attainment measure – next year's new English and Maths GCSEs will be graded from 9-1 and other courses will follow suit the next academic year. Whatever the number or letter awarded to qualifications, at LVC we are always really keen to encourage students to go beyond the bare minimum expectations and to be ambitious for themselves. I flinch when I hear students making comments such as: "I only need 3 'C's for my college course" when they are capable of much more. While GCSE grades are only one rather narrow measure of educational success it is important that students achieve the best that they can.

League table measures are also changing this year to recognise the progress of all learners. Existing headline statistics give a great amount of attention to the percentage of students achieving 5 A*-C grades including English and Maths without giving any attention to students' starting points. The focus on the C/D borderline has been the cause of low aspiration among some groups of students and unethical practices, with some schools targeting support to students who 'count' more.

Last year at LVC we opted into the new achievement measure, Progress 8, a year early. We welcome the move to focus on all students and their relative progress across all subjects, rather than the narrow view of a threshold that does not reflect the success of the whole cohort. Although, like many other benchmarks, Progress 8 has its limitations, we appreciate the more holistic view that it takes of all students' performance across eight subjects.

We look forward to celebrating individuals' achievements and hard work on the 25th August and will be keen to recognise those individuals who have made the most significant progress during their time at LVC, not just those with the highest grades.

Helena Marsh, Headteacher

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/1500/16/FL, Mr Clive Westlake, 4 Back Road, Erection of detached dwelling.

S/1520/16/FL, Mr and Mrs Edward Wilson and Laura Timothy, 1 Rivey Way, Demolition of outbuilding, erection of 4 bed house to create end of terrace adjoining 1 Rivey Way and proposed extension of 1 Rivey way and car parking.

S/1517/16/FL and S/1518/16/LB Mr and Mrs Hannam, 6, High Street, Alterations, single storey rear extension and conversion of conservatory

S/1536/16/FL, Mr and Mrs Piercewright, 7 Keene Fields, Single storey and two storey side extension

S/1529/16/LB, Mr John Reynolds, 40 Mill Lane, New side boundary wall

S/1252/16/FL and S/1257/16/LB, Anthony Flynn, Northside, 75 High Street, Enlarge existing basement window and create new open external lightwell to provide emergency escape.

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The night of the Ball



All of the Year 11 students at the start of the Ball.

All pictures in this section by Duncan Keys

ON Friday 24th June, students at Linton Village College celebrated the end of their GCSE exams and their five years at LVC at the annual Year 11 Ball.

As always, the highlight of the evening was the stylish parade of arrivals, as students made their way down the college drive in an array of luxury and unusual vehicles, including stretch limos, sports cars, a tractor, wheelbarrows and a horse-drawn carriage.

Fortunately the threatened rain held off and the arrivals were watched by a large crowd of parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters and LVC staff.

The young people looked magnificent as they stepped out of their cars in their glamorous dresses and smart suits and onto the red carpet for a reception featuring Linton Jazz band and a non-alcoholic summer punch.

This year the school hall was decorated with a *Great Gatsby* theme and the entertainment included a disco and a 'mocktail' bar. The décor was kept in place for a *Great Gatsby* event the following night when parents could dance along to music by local band *The Accelerants*.

Tony Kelly, LVC



Hannah Waygood



Izzy, Hannah and Charlotte arrived at the Ball on wheelbarrows pushed by their partners for the evening



Anthony Eddy arrived by tractor

Art, music, fireworks and farewell

AFTER almost 18 years as Director of Music at Linton Village College, Christopher Charlesworth retired at the end of the summer term – though he will still be teaching at LVC for one day a week next year.

To mark his retirement, former students and members of the community were invited to take part in his final Summer Soirée, an annual midsummer musical extravaganza which this year took place on the 'Bowling Green' lawn on a glorious summer evening.

A large crowd was treated to a wonderful selection of music by the college Wind Orchestra, jazz band, soloists, ensembles and choirs, ranging from Handel and Vaughan Williams to *Hotel California* and a jazz interpretation of Dvorak's New World Symphony. The second

former students and villagers not just in the audience but also taking part in the choir.

Before the concert, Year 11 students held their annual GCSE Art Exhibition in the East Common Room.

Tony Kelly, LVC

Below: The art exhibition
Pictures by Tony Kelly



Above: The sun sets on Mr Charlesworth's 18 years as LVC's Director of Music

half of the concert featured some Last Night of the Proms favourites and ended with fireworks.

It was lovely to see so many parents,



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Parish Council Matters

Traffic and parking

Parish Council Matters is written, edited and published by the Parish Council with the support of the Linton News Team.

PARKING and traffic issues in the village continue to cause concern and efforts to alleviate the problem is a priority for the parish council's traffic working group. There is a short survey included at the end of this article which would help us identify the views and suggestions of all the villagers. Please complete the survey, including any other comments you wish to make, and return to the parish council office.

Amongst the issues is the threat of the 13 bus service being withdrawn from travelling through the village. Stagecoach has concerns over the excessive wear to the buses' tyre walls due to the narrow gaps they have to squeeze through, particularly in Coles Lane and the High Street. Because we have the 'Gold Service' the company are able to measure the wear and tear more accurately as this is the only route those buses are used on, and Linton has the narrowest High Street in Cambridgeshire. The loss of this service would be of major concern for a majority of

residents. We have met with Stagecoach management, and have taken some steps to try to prevent poor parking which restricts the width of the road by drivers parking on double yellow lines, and other hazardous and dangerous parts of the village. (Leaving hazard lights on DOES NOT override the illegal parking of a vehicle.) We need a concerted effort by all residents to park with consideration to other road users, and pedestrians. It is illegal to park on pavements and footpaths if it causes an obstruction to other users. This applies both in the High Street and the estates. It causes a danger to people with pushchairs, the visually impaired, and people using mobility aids. When you park ('just to nip in the shop, won't be a minute') please consider other road users and pedestrians. The police have conducted extra patrols and issued a number of warnings and parking tickets, and will continue to do so.

The traffic working group has met with the county's highways department and has sought advice on a number of initiatives, and will be reporting to the full council for further discussion. There are many regulations we have to abide by. Any new, or amendments to current, parking restrictions and/or white line markings have to be approved by Cambridgeshire county council for it to agree to issue a Traffic Regulation Order. If approved the question of 'who pays' then has to be agreed.

It would be a great help if you could complete the short questionnaire on the left, adding any additional comments you wish to make, and return to the parish council office.

Cllr Brian Manley

Leadwell Meadows floods and fun

IT has been rather damp lately, with rainfall ranging from days of drizzle to short drenching downpours. What you might have missed is that the river levels have remained stable, rising and falling slowly and (so far) not flooding. Of course floods, once passed, are soon forgotten but their effects range from distressing to devastating and are all too frequent.

Leadwell Meadows (pocket park) is part of the flood plain, and it has been restored to do just that - to flood, and so to protect the village - with the pond and drainage ditches redug and cleared. Dead trees and overgrown scrub have been removed, paths cleared and widened, and new areas opened, providing more ground for soakaway and helping re-establish native plants.

Pond, fencing, ditchwork, riverbank work and bridges - aspects of the Leadwell Meadows restoration



All pictures taken by Simon Hill

The drainage should keep these paths drier for use through the year, and bridges across the ditches have rails, for safety. All to encourage you to use this extensive area for leisure - walking, picnics, play, or just quiet reflection - and to interact with nature and the environment. Information boards, natural seating, places for bird watching and other facilities will help further. In particular, we would like to encourage young people and schools to use the area.

A recent event in Wisbech has given more ideas for better use of public space, with information on funds and grants to provide them - not everything has to come from your council tax, or from the £106 money that comes from development. We can have what we need and not compromise the village with inappropriate and badly sited housing.

Representatives of many villages and landowners met the environment agency (EA), in Hildersham, to initiate an integrated scheme for the Granta valley, so that a problem in one village is not just displaced to a neighbour (see the reports of these on the parish council website). This would probably involve a series of small schemes, rather than the scheme proposed in 2002, which included massive village centre walls and flood water storage. Our work along the Linton Granta is in-line with this. However, the risk does not just come from the river; surface water from uplands and Rivey Hill can also flood roads and houses, a point that planners need to heed and often don't.

A very positive outcome of that meeting was that Cllr Ward and I were able to update EA maps with the extent of floods, and to add details of surface water flooding and sewage back up. This objective information has now been incorporated into digitised maps, which planning officers can use when reviewing applications - as in the recent application on Horseheath Road and the newly revised one on Bartlow Road. The returning newts and other rare species might also influence decisions.

So, enjoy your river, our village land along the Granta, and many natural resources, but be aware that they also need gentle management. The work I've described here is still in progress, and further ideas are always welcome!

Cllr Enid Bald

Traffic and parking questionnaire

1) In your experience are the parking arrangements in the village adequate for the needs of the village? Yes/No _____

2) Do you feel any further parking areas or car parks should be sought? Yes/No _____

3) If yes, where would you like to see further parking facilities installed? _____

4) Do you agree that the current parking restrictions should be more strictly enforced? Yes/No _____

5) Would you be in favour of limited parking areas (eg two hours max)? Yes/No _____

If yes, in which locations in the village would you suggest? _____

6) Would you be in favour of 'resident only' parking areas on and near the High Street? Yes/No _____

7) Are sufficient facilities for cyclists provided in the village? Yes/No _____

8) Have you any other comments on the parking and traffic issues in the village? _____

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton parish council (LPC/PC) meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 16th June 2016.

Present: Cllr Paul Poulter (chairman); Cllr Brian Manley (vice-chair); Cllr Enid Bald; Cllr David Champion; Cllr Simon Hill; Cllr Merrie Mannassi; Cllr Dr Beatrice Ward. Clerk: Marilyn Strand. District Cllrs Henry Batchelor and John Batchelor. Members of the public: none.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs Dr Brian Cox; Graham Potter; Amy Smith and Alison Walker. County Cllr Roger Hickford.

Councillors' declarations of interest: Cllr Hill declared a personal interest in the update on allotments item.

Councillor vacancies: (Cllr Mannassi joined the meeting at 7:38pm.) There are currently four councillor vacancies.

Chairman's comment: Advertisements will be written to attract new councillors to the PC to go out in the local paper and onto the PC's website. An informative article on what it means to be a parish councillor is also being written for the Linton News. The PC would like to have a range of representatives from the parish and the chairman asked councillors to use their personal contacts to encourage residents to apply.

Matters arising/clerk's report (for information only): The chairman said that meeting minutes should not be a transcript of every word spoken at the meeting, but rather a record of decisions and key points only. When minutes are drafted and sent out to councillors they are for information only and not for correction before the next meeting.

Regarding a correspondence item on the grant application from the Heights junior school – Cllr Champion said that this is for a Forest School which would require teachers qualified up to level three, and that the PC should check that this is the case if they re-apply for a grant in the future.

Planning matters: Cllr Bald was given the opportunity to deliver her report on the City Deal: A1307, Three Campuses to Cambridge briefing meeting which she attended on 14th June. One key point of the report is that there will be no major improvements to the A1307 in this first tranche of funding which could be used instead to address public transport issues.

The A1307, Three Campuses to Cambridge consultation on initial ideas for bus, cycling and walking improvements has been launched today. Residents should receive this by post, however, the consultation is also available online at: www.gccitydeal.co.uk/A1307

All residents were urged to respond to the consultation.

To agree to commission drainage reports for Horseheath & Bartlow Roads: It was proposed by Cllr Champion that the PC would allocate £10k to fund drainage and other consultant's reports and the proposal was seconded by Cllr Poulter. Councillors voted two in favour, three against (one abstention) and the proposal was not carried. A discussion followed: some councillors said that it was important to engage consultants in areas of drainage, transport and other infrastructure in order to effectively counter statutory responses on large planning applications. However, others said it would be unwise to spend money on obtaining reports which might not give the PC the answers it is looking for in terms of whether sites are suitable for development or not. It was explained that professional consultants would have to objectively assess both the strong and weak points of any development proposal or risk invalidating their findings. It was also argued that the agenda had specified 'drainage' reports solely and had not mentioned transport or other infrastructure and this was acknowledged by the chairman. Cllr Bald proposed that the PC allocate £10k to fund technical advice and consultants, focused on current and future planning applications, with input from the PC and councillors at every stage of the process. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Mannassi and carried.

(Cllr Manley joined the meeting at 8pm.)

District and County Councillors' reports & business: District councillors' reports: Cllrs Henry and John Batchelor had sent a report which was circulated before the meeting. The report was delivered by Cllr Henry Batchelor and noted by the meeting.

Cllr Batchelor highlighted a survey which is currently running giving residents the opportunity to have their say on the proposed devolution between Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

The Local Plan has been resubmitted and both the PC and residents can make comments to the Inspector on this.

Cllrs Henry and John Batchelor left the meeting at 8:45pm.

County councillor's report: Cllr Hickford had sent his apologies for the meeting and did not send a report.

Review of s106 projects: Earlier this year LPC had drawn up a list of potential s106 projects and this needs to be reviewed; a working group meeting will be arranged for this purpose.

Floods and river management: Reports from Flood meeting held on 25th May: Cllrs Bald and Kelly (Hildersham PC) had sent reports which had been circulated before the meeting. Cllr Bald asked councillors to please read and note the reports thoroughly. The chairman thanked Cllrs Bald and Kelly for attending the meeting.

To agree to obtain quotations for work on ditch and riverbank: The finance committee asked for more information on the necessity of the work before funding could be allocated, as the budget for flood amelioration work is already overspent. This was therefore deferred to a future meeting for a decision.

Update on the Beacon Trust: The 'Beacon Community Trust, Cambridgeshire' is in the process of being incorporated into a new body 'The Beacon Youth Trust, Cambridgeshire'. An email from the Rev'd Maggie Guite had been circulated giving details of the progress of this.

Update on the Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Poulter will send a report which will be circulated to councillors by email.

Update on allotments: The new head of shared legal services is starting at South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) on 2nd July and the PC will ask Cllr Henry Batchelor to enquire as to whether the PC should move forward with its compulsory purchase order on land off Horseheath Road.

Update on Leadwell Meadows: The work is almost complete with just the fencing to finish. Cllrs Bald and Ward will inspect the work against the original specification before the final payment is made.

Tree matters: To consider request from an arboricultural consultant to plant rare trees on PC land: Regrettably the PC is unable to provide land for this purpose as it would mean fencing off public open space which should be available to all. The PC will provide the gentleman with information on local landowners.

Branches fallen from tree on corner next to the entrance to Copperfields: Cllr Manley explained that the trees and green spaces on the Heights estate were established as being the responsibility of residents when the houses were built. It was therefore agreed that the PC has no responsibility for the maintenance of the trees and that the complaint should be referred to the residents' association.

Traffic matters: Cllr Manley delivered his report from the meeting on 8th June with Nicola Burdon of Cambridgeshire county council (CCC) and this was noted. There has since been a meeting of the traffic working group and Cllr Manley will circulate a report from this in due course.

Horn Lane road repair: This is due to be carried out on Friday 24th June by AJ Prentice. Once complete, CCC will carry out repairs to the Lady Bridge.

High Street bus service: No further update on the service had been received since the last meeting.

Update on Local Highways Initiative gateway scheme: Drawings of the gateways to be installed were noted.

Sgt Davidson of Cambridgeshire police had provided a final report on the parking patrol scheme and this was noted. The trial period for the scheme has now ended and the constabulary is considering whether to take this forward in the future.

Cllrs Champion and Walker had attended the police panel meeting and will bring a report to the next meeting. Cllr Champion reported that the 20mph speed limit on the High Street is now enforceable.

CCC Highways Open Day, 27th June: Places have been booked

for Cllr Manley and the clerk; Cllrs Bald and Ward would also like to attend.

Personnel Committee: Cllr Potter and the clerk had attended a Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CAPALC) information evening on workplace pensions and auto-enrolment. The clerk will obtain three quotations for qualifying workplace pensions which will be verified by an independent financial advisor and then present to councillors for a decision. It was confirmed that the Local Government Pension Scheme is not a suitable scheme for new employees due to the employer's liability when its last employee leaves the scheme.

Churchyard matters: It was agreed that the PC would pursue Community Chest funding to repair footpaths in the churchyard.

Grounds maintenance contracts: It was reported that grounds maintenance throughout the village had been unsatisfactory of late. A meeting has been arranged with contractors on 23rd June and any concerns should be sent to the clerk to be raised at the meeting. Contracts for tenders are currently being drafted. The clerk will forward copies of the current contract's maps for information.

Consideration of correspondence received: Cambridgeshire Lowland Search & Rescue request for donation: The PC's s137 money has been allocated for 2016/17 and it cannot therefore grant this request. The organisation will be asked to re-apply for the following financial year's allocation.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary with an invitation to Police Panel meeting, 15th June: Noted.

CCC regarding A1307, Three Campuses to Cambridge – Initial ideas for bus and cycle links - invitation to briefing meeting on 14th June. Cllr Bald attended this and had given a brief report.

CCC updated Rights of Way improvement plan: This was noted. Cllr Mannassi will send a copy to Mrs Jan Bumstead for information.

Ms Griffith request to install seating in various locations throughout the village: Cllrs Bald, Manley and Ward will walk around the village to identify areas which might require seating, and bring a report back to a future meeting with details on number of seats, location and seat design. It might be possible for residents to request memorial benches and this will be investigated.

Mr Mele of Linton Co-op request for PC input into litter pick arrangements: Councillors were asked to send possible areas for a litter pick to Cllr Champion who will collate responses and forward to Mr Mele.

CAPALC invitation to clerk's catch up day, 15th July: Councillors who would like to attend this event should let the clerk know so that spaces can be booked.

Mr R Sackin request for PC to part fund replacement of wall on market square: Following legal advice, the PC agreed that the wall in question is not a party wall and it therefore has no responsibility for its replacement or repair.

Note: Copies of the full minutes, reports and documents referred to above can be inspected at the parish council office.

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