

Car wash and
baking
Linton Fire Station
on 4th June
See Page 2

Over 2,350 copies
distributed
free in Linton,
Hildersham,
Hadstock &
Bartlow

THE LINTON NEWS

www.linton.info e-mail lneditor@linton.info

May
2016
Vol. 30 N° 02
Publication date
Monday 2nd May

E & E PLUMRIDGE
Design & Print
41 High Street
Linton
01223 891407

Established 1987

Linton Farmers' Market



If you want to quality shop under cover on the first Saturday in the month without driving miles, you can find a wonderful array of products right here from 9am to 12noon in the Farmers' Market in Linton. The market has been operating at the Village College since 2004. For the last few years it has been operated by Karen and Edwin Broad of Riverdale Organic farm at Upwell near Wisbech.



ing bread, fish, meat, vegetables and crafts, many of which have that extra difference or freshness from those found in the shops.

Please note, however, the school needs the hall on 7th May, so unusually the next market will be at the Village Hall on Coles Lane.

There are stalls selling a broad range of produce includ-

Food produce includes fudge and chocolates from Glynis Hanlon in Balsham. John Raven brings wet and award-winning smoked fish from his Anchor Smokehouse in Lowestoft.

Another award winning stallholder is Carol Phillips of the Pie Kitchen. Her business entered the British Pie Awards and won supreme champion in 2013 and Champion and Gold awards in 2014, later taking part in the Channel 4 TV programme Great British Food, with Heston Blumenthal. In the recent 2016 event they won silver and bronze.

Always a colourful sight are the pot plants from Jim Moralee of Pinewood Nursery near Ashdon and another eye catching stall is that by Yannis Borakis of Balsham. He sells products from Crete and Greece including traditional biscuits and sweets, cheese, olives and

olive oil. Some of his goods are available from shops on Linton High Street.

There are also on occasion crafts such as sewn accessories from Sharon Housden in Steeple Bumpstead, hand made cards by Jenny in Weston Colville and knitwear from Kate Pennet.

One thing that is noticeable is that many of the stallholders buy or barter their own products with each other. They know a quality bargain when they see one.

Finally you can sit down and have a cuppa and biscuit served by the Friends of Linton Village College.

LNT



Pictures from top left: Glynis Hanlon with fudge and chocolates, Carol Phillips of the Pie Kitchen, John Raven and his fish, Jim Moralee and his pot plants and Yannis Borakis with his wares.

Pictures supplied by LNT

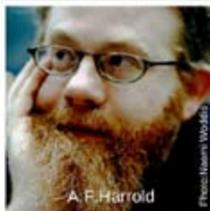
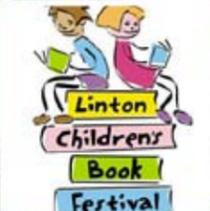
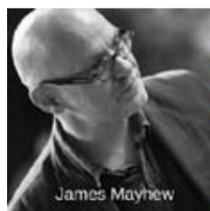
Magic, myth and mystery at Linton Bookfest 2016

MAGIC and mystery are coming to Linton this month, during the 6th biennial Children's Book Festival for kids from pre-school to Year 7.

Full details and booking information for our free events are in our programme (available from schools, the library and local businesses) and at www.lintonbookfest.org. But here's a preview:

We begin on Saturday 14th May with a ghost tour, uncovering Linton's spookier history. Then on Sunday 15th from noon come to Camping Close to learn the sport of muggle quidditch.

During the week go on our wizard's quest around Linton and keep a look out for books lurking in unexpected places. There will be author visits and storytelling at schools, playgroups and the library. These events build up to our big festival weekend at the village college 21st-22nd May. Throughout



Pictures supplied by the authors

the weekend storytellers will share magical tales from around the world. There will be creative art and writing workshops and lots of drop-in activities including hands-on fun from Cambridge Science Centre, manga techniques and writing myths on papyrus. You'll find a Heffer's bookshop and two cafés on site; and of course you can meet our *Mane* attraction, Brian the Bookfest Lion.

All festival activities are free, thanks to generous funding from the Arts Council, Linton Parish Council, Wadlow Wind Farm Community Fund, the Anderson Trust and other generous sponsors. The aim of the Children's Book Festival is to inspire children to love books and reading and to explore their own creative talents. We hope lots of local families will come and have a great time at this fun event.

info@lintonbookfest.org

Village allotments down the drain?

WITHOUT informing the Parish Council or residents, the Diocese of Ely has withdrawn the possibility of village allotments on the proposed development of up to 50 houses on the field adjacent to Horseheath Road (see Horseheath Road planning application S/1969/15/OL and Linton News September 2015).

The allotments do not appear as part of the Heads of Terms. The Diocese, which was only offering to lease up to 28 allotments (far short of what is needed in the village anyway) on an unfavourable part of the site, has now withdrawn this sweener completely – probably due to drainage and site access issues.

Also, they have proposed that all the foul water drainage (sewage) from this site will be routed (although it is far from clear how) along the small, six inch, Victorian main sewer, already recognised as being inadequate, under the Bartlow Road and down Emson's Close, to a larger sewer beyond. This is bound to add to the frequent, drainage misery already experienced by residents of Fincham's, Emson's and Bartlow Roads and quite possibly other roads to the east of the village. It could also have a knock on effect all along the High Street, but it is not too late to have your say. See Parish Matters for contact, further details of websites and Facebook

Councillors Enid Bald, Paul Poulter and Editor

LMJS Leading Ladies sing in Linton

THE Leading Ladies bring together the musical passions of four extremely talented graduates of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, and introduce soprano Anya Bickerstaff. They perform their wide ranging and eclectic repertoire at some of the most prestigious venues throughout Britain and Europe. To hear opera favourites, classical songs and tunes from the musicals, come along to Linton Music Society concert at 7.30pm on Saturday 14th May at the village college.

Tickets are available on the door or in advance from Sweet Talk News, 77 High Street, telephone 893480 or from the Tourist Information Office, Market Square, Saffron Walden. Adults £12, concessions £10, students up to 18 years £2 or a family ticket for two adults and two children £25.

Linda Bird

Notice of Village Hall trustees AGM

THE Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Trustees will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 9th June in the upstairs meeting room of the village hall.

Any organisation operating in the area may apply to the secretary to appoint a representative to the committee. (They do not have to be users of the hall).

Up to six committee members will be elected at the meeting and any person may stand for election.

For further information please contact me:

Sue Parry, Secretary
infolintonvillagehall@yahoo.com

Calling all deliverers

I WOULD be most grateful if you would advise me of holiday commitments overlapping the summer delivery dates for weekends 4/5 June; 2/3 July; 30/31 July; 3/4 September and 1/2 October. We do have volunteer stand-ins to ensure all deliveries are made promptly.

Thank you for your help.

Kate France, 891602
or e-mail kfrance@profsoundconsult.com

Too good for jumble...

THERE is a brand new boxed printer on offer – Epson Expression Home XP235, wireless, which will print from phone or tablet etc. Also a barbecue set on wheels with all tools and charcoal.

The child's blue Raleigh Magic Learner/Balance bike is still available as are the Smiths Timeguard 24 hour timeswitch controller (as new).

The Suffolk Punch lawn mower raised £30 for Linton's Chestnut playgroup.

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.



New playground equipment for Linton Infants



MAY is here and the promise of a warm summer stretches before us all.

As reported in last month's issue, the school was indeed a hive of activity over Easter. If you have been for a walk on Camping Close, you have surely seen the fantastic new playground equipment. The children would like to thank each and every one of you who supported the school in raising the funds to purchase this equipment.

Our kitchen also received an overhaul during Easter. It was a bit hit and miss as to whether it would be ready in time but thanks to the staff from Cambridgeshire Catering Service, everything was up and running for the children to have their hot meal as normal on the first day back.

Unfortunately, I have to inform you of further staff members leaving the school. Mrs Clare Sleeman will be

leaving us at the end of the academic year and is moving to the USA. Her outstanding qualities and dedication to the children will be sorely missed. Miss Tiffany Martin is also leaving us to return to her home in Australia.

However, the summer term is when we start looking forward and thinking about the children who will be joining us in September. Plans are well under way to welcome them into school. A new parents' evening has been arranged for 6.30pm on Tuesday 17th May, so if your child is due to start with us in September, we look forward to seeing you then.

We are currently collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers, so please collect them for us. These vouchers really do make a difference to the equipment we are able to offer to the children.

Louise Clark, Headteacher

Children stay safe on the internet



I NEVER cease to be amazed about how adept even toddlers are with modern day electronic devices such as iPads and iPhones. Even my two year old daughter is able to switch from game to game on the iPad without a hint of assistance.

My seven year old son frequently provides urgently required IT support to both my wife and myself and sadly, by his own admission, his skills are quite normal in his year two class.

Whilst such skill and knowledge is to be applauded at such an early age and will, without doubt, prepare our own children and pupils for communication in the future, it does, at the same time, expose children to high risk and untold dangers.

It is a well-known fact that many children have an Instagram or Facebook account. To have an account you must be 13 or over. It is, however, worrying how many children under this age use these networking sites on a daily basis. Similarly, YouTube is much used and a very useful bank of video resources. If, however, no parental filters and restrictions are put in place, it is worrying how quickly children can view inappropriate images.

With all of the above in mind, Linton Heights and Linton Infants joined forces in January and held a joint parent workshop on 9th February which was national E-safety day.

With increased adult awareness and ongoing monitoring, we know pupils will be more knowledgeable and vigilant when using the internet.

James Puxley, Headteacher

Car washing and baking for fire fighters' charity

LINTON Fire Station is holding its annual charity car wash event from 10am-4pm on Saturday 4th June and this year it promises to be bigger and better than ever.

As well as getting an expert car wash, there will be music, a BBQ and a tombola (courtesy of the Co-op) as well as a chance to win a fantastic model fire engine. A look round the station, and the fire engine, and enter the national *Bake A Difference* cake competition.

All entries for *Bake A Difference* must be brought to the fire station by 11am on the day as judging starts promptly at noon. There will be prizes for the best looking cake and the best tasting cake, and the winners will be entered into the national final judged by the *Great British Bake Off* star and firefighter Mat Riley on 10th June.

All the cakes will be sold on the day in aid of The Fire Fighters' Charity. The cake sale that raises the most money will win the charity's coveted Golden Rolling Pin trophy, and the winning baker will receive a huge chocolate hamper. So let's get baking, Linton.

The Fire Fighters' Charity offers life enhancing support services to injured fire fighters see www.firefighterscharity.org.uk

For more information contact me on John.reynolds@camb-sfire.gov.uk

FF John Reynolds, Linton Fire Station

Canals failed to prevent 1947 Fen flooding Historical Society Meeting

THE prospect of a talk by Mike Petty attracted a large number of visitors to our March meeting. The year 1947 saw flooding on a national scale, but it was particularly bad in the Fens. Mike focussed on the area south of Ely, aided by the extensive photographic records of Walter Martin Lane.

From the 17th century artificial canals had been dug to divert excess river water, but in early 1947, a combination of frozen ground, heavy snow and a quick thaw proved overwhelming. Add heavy rain and lashing gales, and it was not long before parts of the riverbank were swept away. The Army arrived to rescue people from their flooded homes and eventually amphibious tanks were used to temporarily block the breached riverbanks. Pumps from as far away as Holland were requisitioned to help drain the fields, but a major contribution to manpower came from the local people.

Money raised by a national appeal enabled houses to be rebuilt and refurbished, and farmers found that the floods had enriched their soil. However despite massive investment in new sluices and drainage canals, the Fens continue to provide a great challenge.

Andrew Westwood Bate will give the final talk in the 2015-6 season *Kitchener's Army enters the Great War at the Battle of the Somme* at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th May in Linton Village Hall.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings.

Pat Faircloth, 893928

WATERCOLOUR PAINTING
Explore the magical world of water-colour painting with an experienced artist, in the comfort of your own home.
For details, please contact:
Susan Mackenzie (01223) 891521 or:
sjhmack2@yahoo.co.uk

A TOUCH OF NAILS
GELISH MANICURES & PEDICURES
PERFORMS LIKE A GEL APPLIES
LIKE A POLISH
Call Michelle on **07866 017 801**
supcik@talktalk.net
HORSEHEATH

LINTON PAVING COMPANY
YOUR LOCAL LANDSCAPING
BLOCK PAVING & PATIO
SPECIALIST.
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
Int/Ext Painting, General Repairs
FRIENDLY SERVICE.
FREE QUOTATIONS
Tel: Andre Jacobs
01223 890060
07765 594398

Barn Owl Accommodation

Three private self-contained annexes all in Linton
www.barnowlaccommodation.co.uk
Call Michelle on 07584 430051

PH PLUMBING LTD
ALL PLUMBING, HEATING & INSTALLATIONS UNDERTAKEN
Unvented Hot Water Systems
Paul Hulbert
07960 059 209
Office: 01223 956 262
Cambridge House,
19 High Street
Linton,
CB21 4HS
email: pkhulbert@hotmail.co.uk

L.B. CABS LINTON
For all your travel needs Call Lionel
Tel: **01223 892986**
Mob: **0771 2420675**

The Darryl Nantais Gallery
Fine Art, Framing & Restoration

We offer a wide selection of artwork, contemporary & traditional, local & international, including paintings, prints, ceramics, glassware, sculptures & jewellery. The Gallery also offers bespoke framing, picture restoration and cleaning.
Proprietor: Karl Backhurst
59 High Street, Linton, Cambridge CB21 4HS
01223 891289 ~ www.nantais-gallery.co.uk
Find & like us on Facebook and follow on Twitter for regular news updates
Tuesday to Friday 10am to 3pm & Saturday 10am to 4pm
Happily celebrating 15 years of trading in Linton

Across the globe, the Kumon Maths and English Programmes advance students beyond their school level.
Contact your local Instructor for a free assessment.
Linton Study Centre
Karen Tumber **01223 893578**
KUMON kumon.co.uk

Oakview Property
01223 891942 **07581 878267**
Local, Reliable, Builder. All Work carried out to a high standard
• Extensions • Kitchens
• Loft conversions • Bathrooms
• Refurbishments • Garden Offices
• Renovations • Patio & Decking
oakviewproperty.com
oakviewproperty@btinternet.com

PLODDING ALONG An update on police matters

Property repair fraudsters
THESE fraudsters, via email, will purport to be tradesmen who have recently completed work at the property and use a similar email address to that of the genuine tradesman. They will ask for funds to be transferred via bank transfer. Once payment is made the victims of the fraud soon realise they have been deceived when the genuine tradesman requests payment for their services.
Protect yourself:
• Always check the email address is exactly the same as previous correspondence with the genuine contact.
• For any request of payment via email verify the validity of the request with a phone call to the person who carried out the work.
• Check the email for spelling and grammar as these signs can indicate that the email is not genuine.
Payments via bank transfer offer no financial protection. Consider using alternative methods such as a credit card or PayPal which offer some protection and avenue for recompense.
If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud you can report it online at http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud or by telephone on 0300 1232040.
Action Fraud, National Fraud Intelligence Bureau

lintongrantaplaygroup
Pre-school and toddler group
Linton, Cambridgeshire

WE have been straight back in the garden after the well-needed Easter break. We constructed our greenhouse, planted our seeds and are optimistically waiting for them to grow. We also launched our brand new afternoon club. Thursday afternoons will now be Mini Chefs Club. We will be developing the children's understanding of the importance of healthy eating, their fine motor skills during food preparation, maths during weighing and measuring as well as many other areas of learning. There is a limited number of spaces available for these sessions but if you would like your child/children to attend, please do contact us. We have also visited the kitchen within LVC, where the children iced biscuits to take home.
We welcomed two new members to our team, Michelle Chambers and also Rachel Fahy. We hope they will settle in quickly and look forward to them bringing their ideas to our setting.
We are now taking bookings for September 2016. We are open mornings 9am to 12noon M-F, lunch 12noon to 12.30pm M-F and afternoons 12.30pm to 2.30pm M, W, Th, F. Please contact us on 07806 744864 to enquire about spaces and availability, or email office@lintongrantaplaygroup.
Janine Polley, Deputy Leader

Big Balsham Sale
THE 7th Big Balsham Sale will be held from 10am-2pm on Sunday 5th June:
There will be garage and table sales throughout Balsham and refreshments at the Black Bull (CB21 4DJ).
Sales items will include antiques, plants, china, clothes, jams, toys, house clearance, garden furniture and much more.
Maps will be available. Look out for the red balloons.
Proceeds raised will go towards the *Cherished Gowns for Angel Babies* charity.
For further information contact me on 290093 or 07952 686520 or ele.shenanigans@gmail.com
Eleanor Stanley

LINTON CABS
lintoncabs@btinternet.com
Taxi Private Hire
Airports, Train Stations, Seaports, All Local Travel
Call Murray or Martin
01223890965 / 07958657300
07419984087

The Crown Inn, Linton
presents
Monday Fish & Chips £5.95
Tuesday Rump Steak £8.95
Wednesday Free Dessert with Main Meal
Thursday 10% discount on Pizza
Friday Gourmet Burgers
Every Weekday Lunch Time Free Dessert with Main
5:30-6:30 Happy Hour Monday-Friday
www.crownatlinton.co.uk
11, High Street, Linton, Cambs Tel 01223 891759

Readers write...

Post and email addresses and deadline for letters are on this page. All letters for publication must have a full name, address or phone number to enable us to check authenticity. Letters may be edited. Opinions are not necessarily those of the Linton News. *Anonymous letters will NOT be published but names and addresses may be withheld if requested.*

Safety in the High Street

Dear Editor
You report that our Local Authorities are seeking to enforce parking restrictions in the village (not before time) to prevent damage to bus tyres. Whilst necessary, this is only part of the problem caused by excessive traffic in the High Street; it was never constructed to take the sheer volume and weight of 21st century traffic.

The damage to historic buildings in the conservation area should be of concern to the local authorities – but ignored.

Damage to the electricity and drainage systems must be worrying to the statutory undertakers – our electricity connection was damaged apparently due to vibration and we are not the only house to have suffered.

Pedestrians have been hit by wing mirrors on vans. Notifying the Highways Authority of this – caused by a narrow pavement – only produced a suggestion that I should contact the police. For what?

The Local Authorities have known of these problems for a long while but just continue to debate a solution. Why not simply construct a roundabout at the junction of the Bartlow or Horseheath Roads and make the High Street access only. Safety for pedestrians, the infant school, mothers and children; safety for motorists trying to access the main road.

All this has been suggested many times before but no response from the Authorities.

May we have some action please?
Michael Holden, The High Street, A voter

OUR THANKS

Crown Inn tops for egg funds

Dear Editor
Every Easter the Saffron Walden Lions Club hold a raffle of giant chocolate Easter eggs, in a series of Pubs around the district, to raise funds for our wounded soldiers and their families.

For the third year running the Crown Inn in Linton was the tops raising £235. The Lions would like to thank the staff most sincerely for not only taking part but for their hard work and enthusiasm.

The Linton egg was won by Mrs Anne Long from Kings Lynn who purchased her tickets while taking lunch in the Crown with her daughter who lives in Linton. The Lions raised a total of £1528 from this event, which they then rounded up to £2000 from their general fund. They gave this to two groups of service men wounded in recent conflicts - those men blinded and those with post traumatic stress disorder.
Lion Derek Lockstone, 891931

Lent lunches

Dear Editor
On Wednesday 23rd March we held the seventh and final Lent lunch in St Mary's pavilion, when we had a speaker, Caroline Willis, who is the Cambridge area fund raiser for the British Red Cross. She told us about their work in co-operation with The Red Crescent providing help to the Syrian refugees. We then gave her our donation for the BRC Syrian refugee appeal, raised through these Lent lunches totalling £2600.00. Usually we raise between £1000 and £1250 from these lunches, so this year we broke all records and exceeded our expectations. There were a number of very generous donations and we believe this expressed a sympathetic concern for the plight of these refugees.

We wish to thank most sincerely those people who hosted the lunches and those who attended and gave generously.
Colleen and Derek Lockstone, 891931

Molecules, Medicines and Mischief



DR GWENDA KYD brought the plant world to life in a very different way for the Gardening Club with her talk **Plants and People: Molecules, Medicines and Mischief**. Not one of us will consider Angels Trumpets, aka Brugmansia, so angelic after hearing how South American criminals use its scopolamine to prevent their victims from objecting to being robbed, even persuading them to assist the robbers in their task.

Fortunately, for every worrying use of a plant, there were many beneficial uses too. Where would we be if it weren't for Rev. Edward Stone who thought nothing of munching on some willow bark to see if it would help his aches? Discovering that it did indeed seem to help, he cheerfully administered a powdered form to fifty of his friends to determine if it helped them too. Without these rather trusting friends we would have missed out on aspirin.

The gardening club's last meeting until September will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th May in the village hall when Nigel Start will talk about Growing for Show. Perfect timing to help with fruit and vegetable entries for this year's Annual Show, on Saturday 23rd July.

The plant sale will be held from 10am-12pm on Saturday 14th May at 3 Mill Lane. Do come along and enjoy treating yourself to some lovely new additions to your garden or some of our produce. Donations of plants, produce or cakes are most appreciated and may be delivered to 3 Mill Lane on Friday evening.

Kirsten Newble, 892425, lgcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk

Victoria to George V in 45 minutes



STEVE Lester's talk was packed with interesting facts and memorabilia from the period.

There are hardly any souvenirs from Victoria's coronation as nobody expected her to be called Victoria (she was christened Alexandrina).

Steve passed round a rare coin minted for Victoria and Albert's wedding and a china plate commemorating Edward VII's coronation. It was dated 26th June 1902 on the front but was stamped on the back as August 9th as the coronation had been postponed.

On Victoria's Golden Jubilee, 30,000 southern schoolchildren were given a mug, a bun and a bottle of milk. The irony is that these mugs were made by northern children in sweatshops.

Edward VII (known as Bertie, sometimes dirty Bertie) was popular as a sporting man but his life was a round of girls, gluttony and gambling. He committed perjury in court over an affair with an actress and Victoria always blamed him for Prince Albert's death, after he travelled to Cambridge with typhoid to remonstrate with Bertie. His companion in his last years, Alice Keppel, was at his bedside with his wife Alexandra when he lay dying. Queen Alexandra commented, "at least I'll know where he is from now on."

Edward's second son George V became heir to the throne on the death of his brother and married his brother's fiancée. His passions were stamp collecting (the royal collection is one of the finest in the world) and shooting. During the Great War he visited the troops in France five times and changed the family name from the Germanic Saxe-Coburg to Windsor. He instigated a more modern form of monarchy, meeting more ordinary people, and introduced the OBE. When the labour party came to power morning suits were ordered for them from Moss Bros. to attend court. They would change in an anteroom for the audience with the King and then change back again afterwards.

Our next meeting is on 3rd May with Linda Ketteridge talking about *The History of Saffron Walden*.

New members and visitors are always welcome.
Sally Proberts, 891021

LINTON VILLAGE MOTORS

(situated in Great Abington opposite Granta Park)
www.lintonvillagemotors.co.uk

Tel: 01223 830550

- MOT testing
- All makes of vehicles serviced and repaired
- Tyres at competitive prices
- courtesy car provided
- Polite and friendly staff



Mon-Fri: 8.30am-5.30pm Sat: 8.30am-12.30pm

STEVE WEBB Painter & Decorator

Over 30 years experience
CITY & GUILDS CERTIFICATES

Montford Barn
Horseheath
Tel: 01223 893864
Mobile: 07772991373

NRS CARPETS



HOME SELECTION
FREE MEASURING & ESTIMATING

All types of flooring available

Tel: 01223 893634
Mobile: 07885 173113

THE LINTON NEWS Next Publication 6th June 2016

DEADLINES for ADVERTS Monday 16th May
NEWS ITEMS Wednesday 18th May

ITEMS FOR ADVERTISING MANAGER
Limited space on waiting list for Linton businesses

Changes to ads can be sent to: Judith Rouse
email: adds@linton.info

ITEMS FOR THE EDITOR

Can be put in the Linton News Box in the Post Office

Editor: Fran Armes email: lneditor@linton.info
phone 891517

For distribution queries contact: Kate France 891602

LINTON DIARY

For entry in this list, ensure that your event is written into the diary in the Post Office; failure to do so could mean non-entry to the diary here. You may also email your event details to diary@linton.info. Call 971797 for an audio version of the Linton News.

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
Chestnutbaby/toddlergroup, 9.30-11.30am Mondays term time CC
Linton Granta football bingo, 7pm Mondays Pavilion
Men's keep fit, 8-9pm Mondays LVC sports centre
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

MAY 2016

2 Camera Club, 7.15pm CC
3 WI, 7.30pm VH
3,10,17,24 Bell Plates, 7.45pm URC Hall
4 Reading Group, 8pm VH (upstairs)
5 Linton Lunch Club, 12 for 12.30pm Red Lion, Horseheath
7 Farmers' Market, 9am note venue change this time VH
7 Opera favourites, 3pm plus refreshments St Mary's
8 Lighthouse, 10.15am URC
9 Whist drive, 7.30pm VH
10 VIP group, 2pm Chalklands
10 Gardening Club, 7.30pm VH
11 Community navigator, 10-12noon HC
14 Plant sale, 10am-12no
14 Quiz night, 7pm URC Hall
14 Linton Music Society concert, 7.30pm LVC
15 Walking group, 11am Church Lane
15 Messy Church, 2.30pm St Mary's
16 New parent's evening, 6.30pm Infant school
17 Historical Society, 7.30pm VH
18 Cambridge hearing help, 9.30am - 12noon HC
19 Battle of Assandun lecture, 7pm St Botolph's Hadstock
19 Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm CC
20 Daylight readers, 10.30am Library
21&22 Children's Book Festival, from 10am LVC

JUNE 2016

1 Reading group 8pm, Upstairs VH
2 Linton Lunch Club, 12 for 12.30pm Red Lion, Horseheath
4 Farmers' market, 9am - 12noon LVC
4 Fire station car wash and bake off, 10am-4pm FS
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 Reform church, VH village hall.
Library times: Mon closed; Tue 10am-5pm; Wed 4pm-7pm; Thurs 2pm-5pm; Fri 10am-5pm; Sat 10am-1pm.
Linton refuse collection: Monday 9th and Monday 23rd May
Linton blue and green bin collection: Tuesday 3rd, Monday 16th and Tuesday 31st May

Linton Leisure Centre

~Fitness Studio ~ Badminton ~
~Tennis ~ Cricket Nets~
~All Weather Pitch~
~ Group Exercise Classes ~

Membership or
Pay & Play
options available



01223 890248



the flower boutique

Treat yourself, your friends and family
to the freshest seasonal flowers.
Bespoke design service for weddings
and funerals.

41 high street . Linton . 01223 891740

www.theflowerboutique.co.uk

Neil Claxton

Painting & Decorating
Interior/Exterior
Rooms Emulsioned
from £120

FREE ESTIMATES

Tel: 01223 893487
Mobile: 07724073045

e-mail:
n.claxton925@btinternet.com



HAIR BY JO DENNY
WOMEN | MEN | CHILDREN
CUTTING & COLOURING

41 LINTON HIGH STREET
(BEHIND BOSWELL'S BAKERY)
t: 01223 893 285

MOPS HAIR SALON



An afternoon of Opera Favourites

AS publicised in last month's issue, please come to this concert in memory of Mike Kennedy (1974-2014) and raise money for the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity. It will be held at 3pm on Saturday 7th May in St Mary's Church and will be followed by a fundraising afternoon tea. Artists performing are sopranos Lisa Kennedy and Rachel Godsill with pianist Anne Bradley.

Entrance is £7, payable on the door. Children are free. Donations can also be made via www.justgiving.com/Lisa-Kennedy7.

Please go to www.arhc.org.uk to find out more about the event and Mike's story. Contact me at lisajayne.kennedy@googlemail.com for more information.

Lisa Kennedy



Arthur Rank Hospice Charity

Prepared, padded up and ready to play

LINTON Village Cricket Club is anticipating another good season on and off the field after witnessing the best ever attendance at pre-season indoor sessions run by the new first team captain, Steve Livermore. The club will be hoping to continue to promote this spirit throughout the club and this season's outdoor net sessions are under way. These will be from 6-8pm on Thursday nights at the college. All are welcome including junior team members aspiring to be selected for the senior side.

With three senior teams this year playing each Saturday and two midweek teams playing every Wednesday night, there is plenty of opportunity for all to play this great game: a very sociable team sport. This season has already started with a pre-season friendly on 23rd April and a training match friendly with a first team warm-up game against Abington firsts on the



Linton Village Cricket Club in action

Picture supplied by Paul Flynn

30th. The Mr Barber friendly match, the club's big fundraising event, featuring an evening's entertainment with our local band, *The Accelerants*, will kick off the season with a party on Sunday 1st May.

In addition to increasing numbers at both senior and junior ranks, the club continues to inspire juniors who have come through the system, to put something back into the club by helping with the coaching of new juniors. As a result, Rebecca Free, Mike Laskey and Connor Campbell are on course to take their ECB Level 2 certificates.

Anyone wanting to join this friendly community club can contact us via the website <http://lintonvillage.paly-cricket.com/> or the Facebook page Linton Village Cricket Club.

Paul Flynn

A new roller for the Cricket Club

THE sun was shining on 8th April as the cricket club's new roller made its long journey from Somerset. A lot of time and effort was put in to ensure that we not only purchased the most appropriate machine for the job but that we had sufficient



Phil Hooper from supplier CBL showing JR the new roller

Picture by Sarah Bowie

funds to do so. The club relies on fund-raising to buy equipment and the unexpected expense of a new mower nearly scuppered our plans. We would therefore like to say a huge thank you to both the District and the Parish Councils, who generously gave us grant funding to enable us to buy this essential piece of equipment.

Our roller means that the pitches are kept as smooth and level as possible so they remain safe to play on. The old one was becoming increasingly difficult to use. The replacement is lighter and easier to manoeuvre; it has power steering meaning that the ground can be prepared more quickly and efficiently keeping the recreation ground looking its best. We are indebted to John Richardson (JR) who performs the role of groundsman impeccably. Our new roller will ensure that there will be many more years of village cricket in Linton.

If you would like to find out more about the club please contact linton.village.cc@gmail.com

Gavin Bowie

Local Lives Diana Lindsay

DIANA and her husband Michael met in Cambridge whilst at university there and, after living in London for a time, they came to Linton in 1964. Diana started singing aged 12 as she had been to a musical school and her parents' main hobby was music. She began singing in the university music society, which in 1972 went on its first singing trip abroad, which was to Belgium to fund raise for the roof of the cathedral at Malines, which had been damaged by lightning. Later she joined Cambridge Philharmonic and has since been abroad twice with them, going to Amsterdam in 2011 to sing Verdi's *Requiem* in the Concertgebouw. She has also sung in wonderful venues such as King's College, Salisbury Cathedral and the Albert Hall.

As well as attending weekly singing practice Diana has been a driver with Helping Hands since she retired from administering the Edward Storey Foundation in Cambridge. She was the last magistrate to be appointed to the Linton Bench before it finally closed in 1979 and spent 10 years on both Family and Juvenile panels.



Diana keeps smiling

Picture by Sarah Hurcum

Since a serious traffic accident in 2002 Diana is unable to hold sheet music so she has to use a stand but this in no way prohibits her from singing. She and Michael love travelling, mostly in Europe and particularly to Switzerland where their daughter and son-in-law have an apartment. She enjoys a wide variety of music including classical, opera and musicals although her favourite is probably Bach. Long may she continue to sing both for her own pleasure and for that of others.

Sarah Hurcum

Christian Aid week:

the week we love every neighbour

PICTURE a young mother of four. Her husband has left. She has no land. No assets. No savings. And the only work she can get is backbreaking manual labour for as little as 74p a day. Her home has been flooded several times, and last August it flooded again. This is Morsheda. She's our neighbour, and she desperately needs our help.

From 15th -21st May, our Linton churches will join with more than 20,000 others across the country for the sake of people like Morsheda. Across the UK and Ireland we will deliver seven million envelopes to our local neighbours to raise money for our global neighbours in need. Christian Aid supports the poorest people, not because they are Christian, but because they

are in need. A Home Safety Package from Christian Aid could raise Morsheda's home on an earth plinth safe from the flood plain, and give her resources to invest in things like farm animals, seeds and a composting kit—giving her the tools she needs to build a better future.

A new chance at life for Morsheda costs as little as £250. We hope that when the envelope arrives at your door you will feel able to make a donation, which will be collected by one of the 50 or so volunteer collectors from the local churches. If you do not wish to be disturbed, please leave the envelope where it can be seen outside your door. Many thanks.

Pam Richardson
justpam1@hotmail.co.uk

Summer season at Chilford Hall

CHILFORD Hall vineyard is one of England's oldest established vineyards and one of the largest in East Anglia, with nine different varieties of grapevine planted over 17 acres. We make 10 different wines, which are all usually available to taste and buy at Chilford Hall.

During the summer season (April to September) our Wine shop and bistro are usually open from 9.30am to 5pm, Thursday-Sunday.

The bistro serves drinks and light snacks as well as a freshly prepared hot and cold lunch menu, while our

shop offers our range of wines and a selection of luxury local foods and other gifts.

You can also purchase our Tour and Tasting vouchers for yourself or as a wonderful gift for a friend or relative.

There is a standard Tour and Tasting, an Afternoon Tea, Tour and Tasting or a full Gift Experience, which includes a tea or coffee on arrival and is followed by our set lunch and comes with one bottle of still white wine to take home.

Please contact the vineyard team for all enquiries on 895600.



The vineyards at Chilford Hall

Picture supplied by Chilford Hall



Tours available Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Standard Tour and Tasting £15 pp
Afternoon Tea Tour and Tasting £25 pp

Full Gift Experience £75

Please contact the Vinyard team for Tour and Tasting vouchers

The **Bistro** is available for hire for private functions throughout the year.

Follow us on Twitter @chilfordhall and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/chilfordhall> for up and coming events. For enquiries please call Sarah or Vanessa on 01223895600 events@chilfordhall.co.uk www.chilfordhall.co.uk



Interior/Exterior Decorating
Fencing, Guttering
Turfing, Garden Clearance
Lawn & Hedge Cutting
Decking & Patio Cleaning
Patios & Driveways
Call on
(01223) 892889
or **07973294946**
No job too small...

PJB Maintenance
No job too small
Ground work, Patios, Floor & Wall Tiling, Fencing, Roof repairs, Demolition
CPSC Licence
Free Estimates
Call **Peter Belsom** on
Mob: 07799 183308
Tel: 01223 891273

CHIMNEY SWEEP
J. L. WIGHT
Guild of Master Sweeps.
Qualified advice
Problems solved
Certificates issued.
www.camsweep.co.uk
01954 253315
9 Cow Lane, Rampton

ClearTax & ACCOUNTING LTD
Quality, friendly accounting services and taxation advice.
Sole trader and small company specialist.
Free initial consultation
The Granary, Yews Farm Yard, Hadstock
t: 01223 894036
e: janine@cleartax.co.uk
www.cleartax.co.uk

Is planning a party or club on your 'To Do' List?
Did you know?
Linton Heights Junior School are now hiring out their hall and facilities
If you are planning a party or club then please get in contact with the School Bursar, Rebecca McKenzie; office@lintonheights.cambs.sch.uk where she can offer you a fantastic hourly hire rate.

Westlakes
Painting & decorating exterior and interior
Les Westlake
Mobile: 07929 501101
Tel: 01223 892866
Clive Westlake
Mobile: 07900492127

MOBILE CHIROPRACTIC SERVICE
GCC-Registered Chiropractor
ALEXANDER M SMITH
01223 967565
SOUTH CAMBS AREA (Based in Linton)
Effective care in the comfort of your home
- Low back pain & sciatica
- Neck pain & headaches
- Muscle spasm/tension
- Shoulder & Knee pain
- Postural problems
www.alexandersmithchiropractor.co.uk

TRIPLE FITNESS
AMAZING GYM DEALS
Best ever! check out these great offers...
GYM BUDDY £45 FOR A DOUBLE MEMBERSHIP
NEW! STUDENT MEMBERSHIP £20 per month!
* STANDARD MEMBERSHIP FROM JUST £22.92 per month! *
YEARLY MONTHLY AND PAY AS YOU GO OPTIONS AVAILABLE
01223 89 11 54 joe@triplefitness.co.uk
www.triplefitness.co.uk

DACRE LONG Local Painter and Decorator
66 Chalklands, Linton
Professional work to highest standard for over 15 years
Trade and Private Customers
Free quotes with written specification
Phone 01223 893176 or 07837513837
Discounts for Senior Citizens

Designer Drapes Tel: 01223890556
Linton rd Hadstock
For all your Curtains & Blinds give us a call.
Curtain alterations. PATCHWORK LESSONS
Free measuring Fitting service Mondays and Tuesdays
Haberdashery Book your place now
Quilting fabrics spaces limited
Upholstery service Sewing machine repair and service
Fabric sold by the metre Remnants and Rollends
designerdrapescurtains.co.uk designerdrapes2@gmail.com

LINTON COUNTRY MATTERS

Illustrated by Maureen Williams



Earthworms

AS I grow older and while the news from further afield appears to worsen, I find myself becoming increasingly interested in things nearer to home. You can't get much nearer to home than Phylum Annelida, the humble earthworm, inches from our back door and hopefully yours too. Charles Darwin said: "It may be doubted whether, in the history of the world, there are many animals which have played so important a part as have these lowly organised creatures." They have also been referred to as ecosystem engineers and nature's ploughs.

In poor soil there are reckoned to be 250,000 per acre and in top arable land, as many as 1,750,000. They take between 60 and 90 days to grow to full size and live for one to two years in gardens and four to eight years in fields. They move about by waves of muscular contraction, with claw-like bristles. Different types of worm make horizontal or vertical burrows. These burrows create pores in the soil, through which oxygen and water can enter and carbon dioxide can leave. They break down organic matter into small pieces, on which bacteria and fungi feed and release nutrients. Hatchlings can move 500 times and adults 10 times their own bodyweight. Apparently they make gurgling noises underground when disturbed but my enthusiasm hasn't taken me to testing that out just yet. I never knew why, after a wet night, there are always more worms on paths and roads - this is apparently because they

come up from the soil to avoid drowning.

I always believed that if you cut a worm in half it would instantly make two worms, as they are hermaphrodites with male and female sex organs but I was wrong. However, Mr G E Gates spent 20 years studying them and proved it was theoretically possible to grow two worms from one bisected one. Their methods of

reproduction are difficult to describe in a family publication, so I'm not going to try.

Long books have been written about worms but for the sake of brevity we must accept that they are "A Good Thing". You can search on-line to see how to encourage

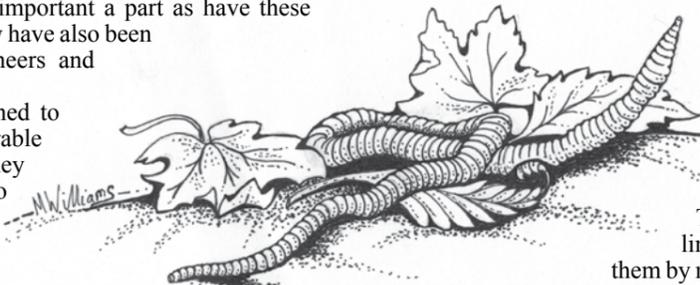
them by making worm towers, worm

troughs and worm bags. Here is one simple method we have just introduced - too early to say how effective it is.

Worm stations

Take an empty plastic plant pot, turn it upside down and cut the bottom most of the way off, so you can open it like a lid. Half bury the pot in your garden and put some kitchen scraps in it. Earthworms will find their way to the worm station, consuming the scraps and distributing their castings in the surrounding soil. It's easy to set up lots of these to quickly establish large earthworm populations.

Oriel O'Loughlin



A lottery with a difference

ON Friday 8th April Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust (ACT) officially launched its colourful new charity lottery with the help of hospital staff and its much-loved mascots, Brooke Bear and Rosie Rabbit.

The Addenbrooke's Charity Lottery is open to people who are aged 16 and above and players have the chance to win up to £25,000, while at the same time helping to make a difference for patients at Addenbrooke's and the Rosie hospitals.

The regular weekly draw costs from just £1 per week and at least 50p for every £1 entry will help support patients across the hospitals.

Money raised helps ACT fund cutting edge technology, additional specialist services, vital research and extra comforts for patients over and above what would be possible through NHS funding alone.

To sign up for the Addenbrooke's Charity Lottery, please go to www.act4addenbrookes.org.uk/lottery or for more information email lottery@act4addenbrookes.org.uk or call 217757.

Jo Elliott, ACT

Addenbrooke's and the Broads in June

ACES learned about the history of Addenbrooke's with a talk by Andy Jackson, a volunteer at Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust. We enjoyed a soup and rolls lunch, at our very comfortable Sports Pavilion.

It is 250 years since Addenbrooke's foundation as a small hospital for poor people in central Cambridge. The link to the university came later as the university took a snobbish attitude to its students seeing these poor people. Patients were only admitted during one hour on Monday mornings, and had to queue to be seen and provide their own transport. This was usually a cart, which had to wait until they were either admitted or refused admission, in which case the cart would simply take them back home again. The hospital has always run on a deficit and had waiting lists, although the current deficit is under a quarter of one per cent of its budget. Noted as an international centre for clinical research and innovation, Addenbrooke's was a leader in the use of anaesthesia, radiotherapy, organ transplan-

tation and diagnosis of genetic diseases.

On the Heritage Trail we note that 117, High Street, The Old Vicarage, the 16th century house with massive gable and chimney stack, was once the home of Thomas Thackeray. He was a surgeon and a founder of Addenbrooke's - there is always a Linton connection somewhere.

Next we have a coach trip on Thursday 9th June, leaving the Dog and Duck at 9.30am prompt, then picking up at the Cemetery and Fire Station. We are going to Wroxham in Norfolk, with an optional, but highly recommended, boat trip on the Broads. Please book now with me, as we hope that this will be a very popular event, especially if the weather is good!

Enid Bald 891069

A TOUCH OF NAILS
GELISH MANICURES & PEDICURES
PERFORMS LIKE A GEL APPLIES
LIKE A POLISH
Call Michelle on
07866 017 801
supcik@talktalk.net
HORSEHEATH

Discreet Pest Prevention & Control

A J PEST CONTROL

FAST AND EFFECTIVE

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

COMMERCIAL - DOMESTIC - AGRICULTURAL

- ⊙ Wasps, Hornets & Flies
- ⊙ Bird Control
- ⊙ Mice and Rats
- ⊙ Squirrels and Rabbits
- ⊙ Fleas, Bed Bugs and Ants
- ⊙ Cockroaches

Based in Linton
Contact: 01223 914004 or 07855 478824
www.ajpestcontrol.co.uk



National Pest Technicians Association

TRC
ELECTRICAL
07534 685889

- ✓ FULL REWIRES
- ✓ NEW INSTALLS
- ✓ SMALL WORKS
- ✓ DATA & NETWORK
- ✓ LANDLORD CERTIFICATES
- ✓ COMMERCIAL

trcelectrical@gmail.com

LOCAL HOME TUITION

Pamela Phipps

MSc, PGDH, TEFL,

Homework support

Revision planning

Exam preparation

Assignment writing

Afternoons and weekends

Fully CRB checked

Cambridgetutor2015@gmail.com

01223-897858



G. DYE & SONS
GENERAL BUILDERS,
GROUNDWORK & MAINTENANCE,
CONSERVATORIES & UPVC WINDOWS, KITCHEN &
BATHROOM REFITS

ALSO INTERIOR & EXTERIOR DECORATING
REFERENCES AVAILABLE

24 Brinkman Road

Linton
Cambridge

CB21 4XF

Tel: 01223 892089

Mobile: 07961 342887

georgedye738@btinternet.com



Free Estimates

Chapel
Independent Financial Advisers

SPECIALIST ADVICE ON
Personal Financial Planning - Pensions
Investments - Mortgages - Protection

FREE Initial Consultation - Without Obligation



Ian Cross DipPFS

01223 892821

E-mail: ian@chapel-ifa.co.uk Website: www.chapel-ifa.co.uk

De-Salis House, 6 Hillway, Linton, Cambridge, CB21 4JE

Chapel Independent Financial Advisers LLP is a limited liability partnership which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority

Registered in England & Wales No. : OC350431

SQ Car Sales

Quality used Cars

Lintech Court, The Grip, Linton, Cambs CB21 4XN

www.sqcarsales.co.uk

01223 778 448 m: 07908 128 164

POT POURRI 134

How many internet users?

READING about landline and iPhone phone users on the internet, the following was noted: -

- i) All iPhone users are on the internet
- ii) One third of the internet are iPhone users
- iii) Half of landline users are on the internet
- iv) Only 20 landline users are iPhone users
- v) 160 landline users are on the internet
- vi) The number of internet users is 1,800

How many Internet users are neither iPhone nor landline users?

Solution to 133 - How many days?

The reduction of cycling took 11 days before giving up.

Urania

Hildersham News

It's Teatime

DUE to local elections on 5th May, Teatime will be held the following week on 12th May, from 3 to 4.30pm in Hildersham village hall. Everyone is welcome. Tea and cake only £1.

Hildersham Lecture

THE next lecture will take place on 27th May, when Trevor Ward will give a photographic presentation and talk of the architecture of Saffron Walden.

Doors open at 7.15pm for light refreshments before the lecture at 7.30. Entry £5, under 18s free.

Summer Ceilidh

WELCOME in the summer and dance arm in arm to Ceilidh Band *Arm in Arm* from 7pm to 10pm on Saturday 21st May at Manor Farm Barn, Hildersham. This event has been especially designed to appeal to all ages so dancing begins at 7pm with a break for a Hog Roast Supper. Licensed bar. Tickets £15 adults, £5 children (under and including 18s) now available from Kate Huntsman on 894862 or email katehuntsman@btinternet.com

For further information please contact Cathy Myer on 892848 or catherinemyer43@btinternet.com

May events at Wandlebury

Saturday 14th May from 1-4pm. Beginners Tree Identification. Adults only. Dress for being outside.

Saturday 21st May at 8.30pm. Amphibian Evening. Aimed at adults and accompanied teenagers. Don't forget your torch.

Tuesday 31st May from 10am to 12 noon. Muddy fingers - half term event for accompanied children aged 3-6years. Bring a drink and a snack and dress for the outside.

For all events you need to book in advance. For more information: email bookings@cambridgeppf.org, call 243830 ext 207 or visit www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on

KJL Roofing

All roofing repairs, lead-work, renewal of pitched or flat roofs

New guttering, repairs/unblocking

Free estimates before any work commenced

25 years + Experience

Tel: 01223 892542

Mob: 07958 618440

Made to Measure

CAPRI BLINDS

* Verticals * Roman * Roller * Pleated
* Venetian * Wooden

CALL NOW FOR

free quotation - free measuring - free fitting
Vertical Blinds now available with wand operation.

No Cords

Ideal for Child Safety

Tel: 01223 894020

www.capriblinds.co.uk

Benten & Co.

Chartered Certified Accountants

We are a friendly, well established firm, large enough to deal with most accountancy and taxation matters.

Please telephone for an initial consultation (without obligation)

Abbey House, 51 High Street, Saffron Walden
Telephone 01799 523053

www.benten.co.uk

ABRAMS HEATING
Professional heating & plumbing services



- Boiler Installation, Service & Repair
- Gas Fires, Cookers & Hobs
- Landlord Safety Certificates
- Quality Kitchens & Bathrooms
- General Plumbing
- 24hr Emergency Callout

01223 897236 07931 685774 www.abramsheating.co.uk



The Marsh mail



MY daughter recently turned six. She has quickly developed a fervent love of reading and story writing and frequently pleads to read 'just one more page' before bedtime. Her current favourite is Roald Dahl; she is in the process of devouring a box set of his novels.

As a Literature graduate, I am especially proud of her love of literacy. I particularly enjoy witnessing the scope of her imagination and enjoyment when reading stories aloud or crafting narratives of her own. Having experience of teaching teenagers who are often less motivated to read makes her enthusiasm even more poignant.

When speaking with older students or their parents, I am saddened to hear about how a once avid reader no longer has any interest in reading. While some students retain reading habits from primary school, for others, the transition appears to signal a change in their attitude. It is a shame that some students are unable to sustain this hobby alongside new interests and distractions.

Reading is a truly enriching activity for people of all ages. As an English teacher, I am not particularly picky about genre or form; reading is reading whether it be a tome of classical fiction or a niche interest magazine via an electronic device. The act of expanding horizons and knowledge, growing thinking, and stepping out of daily lived experience is beneficial whether it is achieved through paperback or screen and regardless of topic.

This will be my first year at LVC during the Linton Children's Book Festival. I am looking forward to taking my family along. I hope that my little girl continues to cherish the written word, long after technology, hormones and homework have made an appearance in her life. Reading for pleasure is such a precious activity - I hope that it stays that way for her and others attending the book festival this month.

Helena Marsh Principal

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/0383/16/DC. Mr Howard Kent, **Unit 7 The Grip Industrial Estate.** Discharge of Conditions 4 (Contamination), 6 (Surface Water) and 8 (Parking, Turning & Unloading) of planning consent S/1028/14/FL for Warehouse Building (B8 Storage).

S/0420/16/FL. Mark Ferdinandi, **8A High Street.** Single storey rear extension.

S/0551/16/FL 4, Ms Michelle Rhodes, **4 Market Lane,** Retain existing door to front elevation and widen proposed / approved side extension

S/0652/16/LB. Mr Alasdair Travers, **125 High Street.** Conversion of disused outbuilding.

S/0713/16/FL. Mr & Mrs Hays, **9 Mill Lane.** New dwelling and car port following demolition of an existing dwelling.

S/0734/16/FL. Mr Clive Westlake, **4 Back Road.** Three-bedroom detached dwelling, adjacent to No. 4 Back Road.

S/0739/16/LB. Mr M Gaskin, **House 1716, 18 High Street.** Re-arrangement of ground floor room to provide additional accommodation.

Nina, Carl, Nicola, Helen and Sophie welcome you to

BOYZ 2 MEN BARBER SHOP

Opening Hours:

| Monday | Closed |
|-----------|-----------------|
| Tuesday | 9:00am - 6pm |
| Wednesday | 9:00am - 8:30pm |
| Thursday | 9:00am - 6pm |
| Friday | 9:00am - 6pm |
| Saturday | 8:00am - 3pm |

Fully air conditioned

LATE EVENING 'TIL 8:30PM
Wednesday

Traditional Hot towel wet shave
no need to book an appointment.

Special rates for senior citizens Tuesday - Friday only

<http://www.boyz2menbarbershop.co.uk/>

113^A High Street, Linton

Tel: 01223 894481



New Outlet Showroom Now Open

ONLINE LIGHTING

quality products outstanding service

onlinelighting.co.uk 6 Lintech Court CB21 4XN 01223 897210



The Dog & Duck

63 High Street, Linton

Tel: 01223 890349

Pub & Restaurant

Open All Day, Every Day

Idyllic Riverside Thatched Pub and Restaurant.

Hearty Home-Made Pub Food.

Be Assured a Fantastic Welcome and a Perfect Pint!!

Live Jazz - 1st Sunday of every month 3pm-5:30pm

Fish and Chips Special on Wednesday £5.95
Sunday Roast

www.facebook.com/thedogandducklinton



The Way We Were by Garth Collard

Linton doctors



Dr William Palmer and chauffeur

Picture supplied by Garth

honorary degree at Cambridge University and he became a member of the County Antiquarian Society.

Dr Palmer also gave frequent lectures to raise money for the Linton Red Cross and trained over 40 villagers in the basic skills of first aid through the Red Cross. By World War I Linton had active male and

female branches and was able to staff a VAD hospital for wounded men with Palmer as the Chief Medical Officer.

He was also the Medical Officer at the workhouse. Every Christmas he gave the inmates hampers of mince pies and other goodies.

He was deeply involved with the schools and established an

annual children's wild flower show held at Richmonds from 1915.

Dr Palmer often accepted gifts in payment of his fees. In 1909 he accepted a bundle of deeds for his 15 shilling fee. Amongst the deeds was an original 1644 code of the laws of Massachusetts. This deed was sold in London in 1909 for £1,850.

Dr Palmer bought a car in 1908 and was driven around by his chauffeur, Mr Page.

In 1925 Dr Palmer retired and the practice was taken over by Dr Alexander Brown who moved to Summerfield House, Mill Lane, owned by Dr Hugh Mundle Wilson, for a short time until Rhugarve House in the Bartlow Road was built in 1928 where his garage became the surgery.

When Dr Brown retired in 1965 he was presented with a silver coffee service by patients.

Do-si-dos with Arm-in-Arm



Time to dust off the dancing shoes

Picture supplied by the band

DO you fancy trying your hand (or feet) at a spot of dancing, as in country dancing/ceilidh? Then come along from 6-9pm on Saturday 11th June to St Mary's Church. This is a great event for all ages.

Our ceilidh band *Arm-in-Arm* may already be known to some of you. They have played in Linton for Burns' nights at the Village College as well as in the Village Hall for a family event for the Infant School. The musicians are all connected to a well-known local company ARM Ltd (one of the top UK microprocessor designers) hence *Arm-in-Arm*.

There will be a caller for the dancing so don't worry if

you haven't done any country dancing before.

Tickets: £10 adults, £5 children. £25 family ticket. This includes a Ploughman's. Please bring your own drink.

Tickets available from: Pam Richardson 890921; Hilary Angetter 892305; Jacqui Burge 891662. Book early as numbers are limited.

Anne Parry-Smith

Springfield House B&B

14/16 Horn Lane, Linton
River views from bedrooms & guest lounge
Tel: 01223 891383

www.springfieldhouseinton.com

LONG & SHORT STAY ACCOMMODATION

COTTAGE & CONVERTED BARN

HOLIDAYS, WEEKENDS
BED & BREAKFAST

WEST WRATTING
CAMBRIDGE, CB21 5LU

T: 01223 290492
www.bakerycottage.co.uk

GLENWOOD BOLTS & SCREWS LTD

www.glenwoodbolts.co.uk



SUPPLIERS OF QUALITY FASTENERS, FIXINGS & SILVERLINE TOOLS

Unit 2 Lintech Court
The Grip Industrial Estate, Linton
Cambridge, CB21 4XN
Tel: 01223 892095 / 893931
Fax: 01223 894122

PLUMBLINE

PLUMBING AND HEATING ENGINEER
PROFESSIONAL DOMESTIC PLUMBING SERVICE

Including Property Maintenance
Painting: Tiling: Plastering: Carpentry

Call John on
01223 893903

Supcik@talktalk.net

Fully Qualified and Insured

Friendly and Reliable Service No Job Too Small



Calling LVC musicians and singers

AS you may be aware, after almost 18 years as Director of Music at the Village College, I will be stepping down at the end of this term. At 7.30pm on Wednesday 22nd June I will be conducting my last concert at the college in my current role and would very much like to lead a *Last Night at the Proms* style second half.

If you play a musical instrument or sing and would like to be a part of this event, I would very much like to hear from you. Singers will be performing favourites such as *Land of Hope and Glory*; *Jerusalem*; *Rule Britannia* and *I was Glad*. There is no need to rehearse the singers. If you would like me to, I can forward you a copy of the music by email.

Instrumentalists will be accompanying the singers and also performing Coates' *The Dambusters March*.

If you are interested in playing in the orchestra for this, I would like to hold a pre-concert rehearsal at 6.30pm for half an hour in the Main Hall.

In either case, please let me know if you'd like to perform at this event by emailing me at Christopher.charlesworth@lvc.org, informing me which voice type you sing (SATB), or which musical instrument you would like to play. Please note instrumentalists may be limited in number.

With many thanks,

Christopher Charlesworth, Director of Music,
Linton Village College

The Battle of Assandun

This year Hadstock celebrates the millenium since the battle of Assandun between the Danish and English armies in 1016.

The battle of Assandun was the event which eventually gave

Cnut the Crown of England. For many years the argument has raged over whether it took place at Ashingdon in south Essex, or near Ashdon.

Dr Sam Newton (of Time team) is giving a lecture on the battle of Assandun at 7pm on 19th May at St Botolph's Hadstock.

Also at St Botolph's but on June 10th at 7pm Dr Simon Keys will give a lecture on Conquest and Reconciliation.

LNT

A & R PLASTERING

All aspects of plastering undertaken:

Plasterboarding
Rendering
No job too small
30+ years experience
Free estimates

Tel: 01223890228
Mobile: 0774 8627920

BED & BREAKFAST

Mrs Monica Clarkson
4 Harefield Rise, Linton
Tel: 01223 892988
Quiet modern bungalow
Families welcome
No Smoking

Acupuncture and Massage in Linton

Some of the conditions acupuncture can help ...

- sports injury and tension
- back, knee, hip, shoulder and elbow pain, rheumatism
- fertility optimisation, IVF, pregnancy and menstrual
- headache and migraine, stress
- high blood pressure and circulation conditions
- anxiety and addictions

Peter White MBACC, MSc, MBACC.

Call: 01223 891145 for an appointment or free assessment

Email: enquiries@lintonhealth.co.uk



Parish Council Matters

Planning applications - still waiting ...

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

AS I write this, on 6th April, I am aware that I should be at Camboorne speaking to the South Cambridgeshire district council planning committee. But I am not shirking my duty to the parish! The decision on the application for up to 50 houses and 30 allotments off Horseheath Road (S/1969/15/OL) has again been delayed.

Last evening we heard that the application had been withdrawn from the agenda due to a change in government legislation on five year land supply, but might also be due to further concerns raised by Linton parish councillors.

Cllr Paul Poulter and I, along with our planning consultant, met the planning officer and raised our concerns on some aspects of the application which contradict the practical knowledge of villagers.

However, the officer must use the conclusions of the reports and assessments that they receive from external bodies or statutory consultees in making their decisions, and it is these that we are

questioning. The officer was really helpful and we appreciate the time and care she is taking over this application, and for listening to our issues and concerns.

The assessments that particularly worry us relate to Highways issues, and why they no longer have concerns despite using out-of-date traffic data. The drainage scheme does not seem adequate for the surface water flooding that we expect. The distances of the site from the village centre, shops, amenities and leisure facilities was considered not to be excessive. However the distances from within the site, and that the site is uphill from the village, were not considered - it is a long walk back there with shopping! The knock-on effect on traffic to the High Street and parking is another major concern.

In our view, as detailed in our planning comments, the scheme appears to not be deliverable, and remains not sustainable.

So, we now have until 22nd April to question reports and to improve our presentations.

Cllr Enid Bald

Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan

DUE to the difficulties surrounding the South Cambs Local Plan (LP) it is possible that the Linton and Hildersham Neighbourhood Plan (LHNP) will be finalised before the LP, South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) have promised to give us further guidance on this issue. It seems that there is a distinct possibility that as a result of the delayed LP the risk of multiple large-scale planning applications around Linton will increase. At the time of writing Linton parish council have just heard that the planning hearing to decide the application by the Diocese of Ely to develop the

Horseheath Road site has been postponed until 22nd April 2016. This has been done to allow SCDC to review a recent High Court Judgment relevant to the Horseheath Road application. This all means that early consultations with residents on the NP become even more vital - many residents have noted that there was very little public consultation on either the Horseheath Road or Bartlow Road applications; and that concerns regarding drainage, traffic and lack of services eg school places for younger children have been ignored.

Cllr Paul Poulter

Cambridgeshire county council streetlighting - changes to operating times

CAMBRIDGESHIRE county council (CCC) has decided to amend the brightness and operational lighting times of many county council owned streetlights.

Following the consultation exercise undertaken with local councils and the public in 2015, the county council has now introduced a part night lighting programme from the 1st April 2016 and our local area is affected. The proposal to increase the current level of dimming and to introduce times when many streetlights will be switched off has been approved by CCC full council. The affected streetlights within our local area are being switched off between 2am and 6am.

Streetlights have not been turned off on main traffic routes, where CCTV cameras are present, where there are any statutory

requirements or where they support the night time economy. These streetlights are however being dimmed at all times rather than just between 8pm and 6am as they used to be.

In June 2015, CCC consulted with Linton parish council to seek its views and offer it the option of contributing towards the energy costs in roads where it might like streetlights that were proposed to be switched off kept on. As a result of the consultation exercise, CCC members agreed to reduce the times streetlights would be switched off - from midnight to 6am, to between 2am and 6am. This therefore reduced the cost of energy for any lights that local councils might have wished to keep on during this time from £12 to £7.70 for 2016/17 together with an administration cost of £65 to process each application. Linton parish council decided not to make funding arrangements with CCC to keep any lights on.

The changes have been made due to the need for the county council to further make financial savings to the annual streetlighting energy costs which are required as a result of funding reductions from central government. In order to meet these challenges all of the county council's services are being affected and the Authority's priority is to protect critical front line services.

Streetlighting is not a statutory service that the county council is legally required to provide. However, CCC is empowered as the Highway authority to light roads which in its opinion would reduce road related accidents.

There will be no reduction in council tax payable, however this initiative helps protect other front line services of most need and may help to reduce any future council tax increases.

The streetlights owned and maintained by South Cambridgeshire district council are not affected by these part night lighting changes.

Parish council office



The Hundred Parishes Society

THE primary aim of the Hundred Parishes Society is to educate - to increase knowledge and appreciation of our area. We do not pretend to know it all or to be the only organisation spreading the word. We are very happy to publicise what others are doing, usually through the What's On page of our website: www.hundredparishes.org.uk If your event doesn't already appear, please tell us about it.

Some parishes have local history societies, women's institutes, U3As or similar bodies, and they usually welcome visitors who may come for a specific talk. There are other, perhaps less formal, groups who meet to enjoy the mix of an interesting speaker and a chance to enjoy refreshment and a chat. We were pleased to learn of the success of one such group that started up during this past winter in Standon village hall. Speakers on varied local subjects attracted as many as 60 listeners, although no doubt they were also tempted by the social aspects of the gathering, not least the cakes!

We are conscious that many places do not have such enterprising organisers, so the Society aims to fill part of the gap with its own programme of talks. They will be open to all and will appear on our What's On. We will also be offering members a few guided walks, following the popularity of our first such venture last year. But please don't wait to be organised - now that spring has arrived, our lovely countryside and fascinating towns and villages are looking forward to your visit! Do try one that you have not explored recently, ideally with a copy of the parish introduction and perhaps a walk route, both of which are available free from our website.

Ken McDonald

Secretary of The Hundred Parishes Society

LINTON PARISH COUNCIL
 The Village Hall, Coles Lane, Linton,
 Cambridge CB21 4JS Tel: 891001
Clerk to the council - Mrs Marilyn Strand
Email: lintonpc@btconnect.com
Website: www.lintoncambridgeshire-pc.gov.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/lintonpc
Office open: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9am - 12noon, closed on a Thursday.
Or by appointment
 Dates for full council meetings:
 19th May and 16th June 2016
 All meetings held at the Cathodeon Centre commencing at 7.30pm

Fine Design ENGRAVING
 trophies, awards, gifts etc

We can supply metal sports trophies.

01223 893514

A large range of glassware kept in stock.

fine.design@btinternet.com

www.finedesignengraving.co.uk

visitors by appointment

Maureen Williams 53 Chalklands, Linton

Linton Complementary Health Centre
 2b Bartlow Road, Linton

- Acupuncture, Peter White; MSc, MBACc
- Massage, Peter White; MSc, Dip. Massage
- Shiatsu, Cindy Faulkner; BA, MRSS
- Chiropody, Sharon Bennett; M.Inst.Ch.P
- Counselling, Debbie Soar; NNEB, Dip.Couns

Telephone: 01223 891145
 Web Site: www.lintonhealth.co.uk

Singing Lessons
Sarah Rosewell
BA (Hons) Music

Individual singing lessons available for all ages and abilities
 Whether towards exams or purely for pleasure
 * CRB Checked
 * Based in Linton
 For more information contact:
Sarah on 01223 894861
 Email: sarahrosewell@hotmail.com

PSH Electrical Services
Rewires, New builds, Extra lights, Extra sockets, Repair works, Garden lighting, Showers
Registered NIC EIC domestic installer
 email pshelectrical27@gmail.com
 telephone 07867980738

Su Matthews

Back4Good

BODY DESIGN PILATES

Back 4 Good Practitioner
 Level 4 Advanced Pilates Teacher
 Back Care Professional
W: www.bodydesignpilates.co.uk
E: bodydesignpilates@hotmail.com
M: 07986 692334

backcare PROFESSIONAL
 The Chartered Institute for HealthCare
 Register of Exercise Professionals

Cambridgeshire Family Chiropractic Centre

Bespoke massage and chiropractic care for aches and pains
 Specific techniques for pregnancy and children
 15 years' experience
 Call 07870568548
www.cambridgefamilychiro.co.uk

MHG Garage Ltd

McKenzie & Haywards Garage LTD

MOT by appointment while you wait
Servicing, Collection & Delivery Service

Unit 3 & 4, Lintech Court
 The Grip Industrial Estate
 Linton, Cambs
 CB21 4XN

Tel : 01223 894140
 Fax : 01223 890035
mhgarage@btconnect.com

Councilminutescouncilminutescouncilminutescouncilminutes

ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton parish council (LPC/PC) meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 17th March 2016.

Present: Cllr Enid Bald (chairman); Cllr Paul Poulter (vice-chair); Cllr David Champion; Cllr Dr Brian Cox; Cllr Simon Hill; Cllr Brian Manley; Cllr Merrie Mannassi; Cllr Graham Potter; Cllr Amy Smith; Cllr Alison Walker. Clerk: Marilyn Strand. County & district Cllr Roger Hickford. District Cllr Henry Batchelor. Members of the public: two.

Apologies for absence: Cllr Dr Beatrice Ward.

Councillor vacancies: LPC currently has four councillor vacancies.

Councillors' declaration of interest: Cllr Hill declared a personal interest in the planning matters item on the Horseheath Road application. Cllr Champion declared a personal interest in the Granta School funding request item.

Open forum for public participation: Two representatives from the Cricket Club gave a short presentation on the proposed cricket match fundraising event. As well as the match, it is proposed to have a 'vintage high tea' company and 'Steak & Honour' to provide food and refreshment. There would also be a band playing in the evening finishing at around 10:30pm. The event is being organised to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis charities and to promote children's cricket.

Cllr Hickford said that information contained in the PC's report on the recent A1307 Stakeholder Briefing Event was out of date as the rail link between Haverhill and Cambridge was no longer being considered.

Matters arising/clerk's report: Cllr Cox reported that the Beacon Trust is currently reforming into a new trust following the same principles to provide both secular and religious youth work. The Charles & Mary Anderson Benefaction will financially support the new trust but has agreed not to make any payment until a youth worker has been employed.

Planning matters: Update on South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) hearings on planning applications S/1963/15/OL Bartlow Road and S/1969/15/OL Horseheath Road: The Horseheath Road application should be heard at SCDC's planning committee meeting on 6th April but an agenda is not yet available to confirm this. The Bartlow Road application will be heard in May at the earliest as there might be further amendments to this application to come. The PC will send a representative to speak against both applications and would urge the public to send a representative also.

Planning consultancy fees: (this item was deferred until Cllr Poulter had arrived) In relation to making further representation on the two large proposed developments, it was proposed by Cllr Poulter to employ the PC's planning consultant for a further three days at a cost of £1,200 and the proposal was seconded by Cllr Smith. Councillors voted seven in favour, one against with one abstention and the proposal was carried.

District and county councillors' reports & business: Cllr Batchelor had sent a report which had been circulated before the meeting and this was noted. Cllr Batchelor said that he did not support the idea of a devolution agreement between Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire, adding that this would take power away from a local level and up to the devolved power such as an elected Mayor of East Anglia.

Cllr Bald thanked Cllr Batchelor for helping with enforcement measures on Rivey Lane and for his updates on the two large planning applications.

Cllr Poulter joined the meeting at 8pm.

Cllr Hickford had sent a report which had been circulated before the meeting and this was noted. Cllr Hickford said that he believed devolution in East Anglia would be good for the area. He said that devolution to the locality would be preferable to being governed by central government. Cambridgeshire county council (CCC) was to meet the following week to decide whether to sign up to a devolution agreement with Norfolk and Suffolk.

Appointment of internal auditor: It was proposed by Cllr Cox to appoint Dr RM Williamson of Mijan Ltd as the PC's

internal auditor for 2015/16 and the proposal was seconded by Cllr Potter. All agreed.

Procedures review working group: Cllr Bald had sent a draft report which was circulated at the meeting and time was given for councillors to read this. Cllr Potter raised a number of points from the report as being open to misinterpretation and these were clarified and noted; the report will be amended to reflect these. Cllr Bald said that one of the aims of the meeting had been to create a checklist for projects from start through to completion.

Local handyman services: Cllr Bald said that the repair to the road at the Horn Lane bridge is of the highest priority and should be started as soon as possible. A supplier for the clay bats had been found and delivery needed to be arranged. The handyman has submitted an estimate to do the work.

Community orchard: The trees have now been planted and Cllr Bald thanked all who came to help on the day. People from many different community groups and from all over the village came to help; the youngest person was 18 months old and the eldest 90! This was a notably successful community event.

Someone is washing their car on the land and it is thought the detergent may damage the newly planted trees. It was agreed that the PC would write to the resident asking them to desist. Cllr Batchelor is progressing the repair of fencing which will also help to prevent this practice.

Update on Swan Bridge: The clerk reported that there had been no response from Mr Jackson to the letter sent by the PC on 26th February. It was agreed to send Mr Jackson a reminder giving him seven days to respond.

Update on the Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Poulter had sent a report which had been circulated before the meeting and this was noted.

Update on Leadwell Meadows: It was reported that the work is progressing well. It was agreed that the proposed additional work by AJ Prentice was necessary to complete the project at the meadow satisfactorily. It was proposed by Cllr Cox to accept an additional five days' work at a cost of £2,500, and also to repair three bridges at a cost of £600 for replacement oak and the proposal was seconded by Cllr Smith. All agreed (one abstention).

Churchyard matters: The PCC had asked the PC to contribute £270.25 (50% of the total cost) towards employing Hayden's to design a planting scheme to replace the laurels. However, it was agreed that the cost was too high and that the PC would therefore not contribute. The PC would like to be involved in the planting scheme and it was agreed that other contractors might be sought to provide advice and quotations for this.

Tree and land matters: Disputed ownership of deep verge and trees on Stantons Lane between Symonds Lane and recreation ground: Following discussion it is still unclear as to who owns this piece of land. Cllr Hickford offered to make further enquiries into this.

Cemetery matters: Consideration of removal of earth pile in northeast area: Cllr Bald said the earth is protecting the newly planted hedging and filling a gap in the perimeter hedge. It was therefore agreed to have the earth smoothed over, and to plant it with wild flowers. Trees in this area have been vandalised and also other broken branches left lying around; it was agreed to report this to the police as criminal damage and fly tipping.

Traffic matters: A letter had been sent to Stagecoach asking them to delay making a decision on the High Street bus service until the PC had had the chance to consult with residents, particularly on matters of changes to parking regulations. So far no response to this letter has been received. Cllr Mannassi said she had observed buses scraping their tyres on kerbs and that this appeared at least in part to be driver error. It was agreed that all observations should be noted and collated so that these can be passed onto Stagecoach in the future.

It has been reported to the PC that the PCSO is not issuing tickets to cars parked on double yellow lines which are faded due to the possibility that these tickets might be challenged. It was agreed to write to Sgt Davidson stating the PC's disappointment given that it is paying the PCSO to issue tickets to prevent illegal

parking, particularly on the High Street.

Local Highway Improvement Initiative funding success: The news that the PC has successfully secured funding from this initiative was met with appreciation and thanks. The project will be progressed under the direction of engineers from the local projects team at CCC who will be in contact shortly.

A1307 Parishes Forum: Cllr Bald had sent a report from the meeting held on 24th February which was circulated before the meeting and this was noted.

Working with schools and community groups: Cllr Bald had sent a report which had been circulated before the meeting and this was noted. Cllrs Bald, Manley and Ward had met with the headteacher of Linton Heights Junior School to discuss a number of projects he is hoping to progress, many of which might also benefit the wider community, and which the PC might be able to help fund; other funding streams had also been contacted.

Cllr Walker was unhappy that not all councillors had been given the opportunity to attend the meeting and reiterated that all communication with the PC should go through the clerk as previously minuted.

Personnel committee: Cllr Mannassi reported that terms of reference for the personnel committee needed to be put in place before it could convene formally and that the composition of the committee should also be reviewed. To this end an informal meeting is to be called for the following week which all interested councillors could attend; Cllr Mannassi will organise this.

Consideration of correspondence received: Mr D Leech regarding a fundraiser event on recreation ground: It was proposed by Cllr Mannassi to give permission for this event to take place and the proposal was seconded by Cllr Hill. All agreed. The clerk should be notified if anything further was to be added to the event. The Cricket Club would be responsible for providing public liability insurance.

Cllr Walker declared a personal interest in the following item. Granta School request for funding towards setting up Forest School: It was agreed that this should be brought back to a future meeting with more detailed plans of the scheme for consideration.

Cam Valley Forum annual £16 subscription/donation: Agreed.

SLCC renewal of membership and subscription: It was proposed by Cllr Manley to renew this membership and pay the subscription fee of £187 and the proposal was seconded by Cllr Walker. All agreed.

Anglian Water launch of 'Pollution Watch': Noted.

Fields in Trust membership renewal: It was proposed by Cllr Potter to renew membership at a cost of £50 and the proposal was seconded by Cllr Manley. All agreed.

Wicksteed order acknowledgement for work on playground: Noted.

Cathodeon Centre Trustees regarding additional costs on gate works: Noted.

Friends of the Roman Road and Fleam Dyke membership renewal and request to increase amount: It was proposed by Cllr Champion to renew membership at a cost of £20 and the proposal was seconded by Cllr Smith. Councillors voted nine in favour and one against and the proposal was carried.

Mr P Foster regarding clarification of Linton Village Cricket Club grant funding allocation: Noted.

Dr J Rossiter regarding Glebe Land near St Mary's Church: It was agreed to ask community payback to clear the land of rubbish.

Zurich schedule inspection summary of play equipment: Noted.

CCC part night streetlighting implementation update: CCC will be turning off street lights between 2am and 6am. It was proposed by Cllr Mannassi that the PC would not fund the costs of keeping lights on between these times and the proposal was seconded by Cllr Cox. All agreed (one abstention).

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

Small Gifts

Watch batteries and straps fitted while you wait.
Jewellery repairs including sizing and polishing.

All repair work carried out on the premises by a professional with 40 years experience.

We stock a selection of:
Silver Jewellery • Photo Frames •
Collectables • Toiletries •
Greeting Cards • Gift Wrap



61 HIGH STREET, LINTON, CAMBRIDGE, CB21 4HS
TEL: 01223 894225

MALLYON & DONALDSON

Linton

*Specialising in both Modern and
Traditional building methods.*

Tel: 01223 891267
Mob: 07941 220868

**All contracts finished to a high standard.
Reliable service. Local references available.**

TIM PHILLIPS & Co.

Accountants

Established 1991

Independent, specialist service for:
**Small Business • Self Assessment
Personal Taxation**

Free initial consultation – no obligation
EASY, FREE PARKING

Copley Hill Business Park, Cambridge Rd., Babraham
Off A1307 between Wandlebury and Babraham
Tel: 01223 830044. www.tpaccounts.co.uk

Carpentry, Plumbing, Tiling
Door/Window Replacement
Kitchen/Bathroom Refitting

Fencing & Decking
Painting/Decorating
Flat Pack assembly

Property Maintenance

Steve Jackson

stevejacksonltd@hotmail.co.uk

Aerial Upgrades & installations
Satellite dishes installed

Steve Jackson
Office 01223 893896
Mobile 07963 854653

ProClean

Your Complete Cleaning Solution

- *Carpet Cleaning *Rugs *Stain Removal
- *Car Valeting *Caravans *Motor Homes
- *Upholstery Cleaning *Stain Protection
- *Floor Cleaning / Scrubbing / Sealing / Polishing
- *Pressure Washing of Patios Paths & Driveways
- *Domestic Cleaning * Top Ups & One Off Cleaning
- *Gutter / Fascia Cleaning

***Contract Office Cleaning (Flexible Options)**
TEL: 890433 Mob: 0777 375 8355
74 Bartlow Rd, Linton, Cambridge, CB21 4LY

SHINE

TRADITIONAL WINDOW CLEANING

EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR WINDOWS, GUTTERS,
FASCIAS, CONSERVATORIES AND PATIO CLEANING

TEL. 01223 893529 MOB. 07587 866309
FREE QUOTATIONS

FULL PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE
SHINEWINDOWCLEANINGSERVICES@GMAIL.COM