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Meet the new head of Linton Heights

MY name is James Puxley and it is with eager anticipation that I look forward to being the next headteacher of Linton Heights Junior School.

After my interview and over the summer I spent a good deal of time with the staff and governors of the school and it is clear to see their care and delight in the children.

The children are enthusiastic and friendly; the teachers highly professional and inspiring and governors highly diligent and challenging in their approach. I am very excited about the challenges ahead.



James, our new head

Picture supplied by Tanya Carter

I am indebted to the outgoing headteacher, Jen Malone, who has developed and

improved Linton Heights. A very strong school community has been created from which to progress and celebrate future success.

I live in Saffron Walden with my wife and two children but originate from a small market town in Staffordshire. As such, I know what an important role schools have in the local community and both the pupils and staff will be looking to further develop those links.

It would be a pleasure to meet many of you and indeed I would welcome your thoughts and views about school issues.

James Puxley

It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good



The fallen plum tree

AN ancient plum tree in our garden in Mill Lane succumbed to the St. Jude's Day storm last autumn.

While digging out the tree's roots this spring, I was amazed to see a flint arrow-head on the surface of an area I had just raked.

This style of arrow-head (tanged and barbed) was produced during the transition from stone age to bronze age around 2500 – 2000BC,

about the time Stonehenge was being built.

This example could well have been mined and knapped at Grimes Graves near Brandon in Suffolk and lost while being either transported along the Icknield Way, or possibly used as a weapon by a local hunter-gatherer group.

At present, the arrow-head is with Cambridgeshire County Council Archaeol-



Arrow head and penny

Pictures supplied by Keith Nightingale

ogy Group, being recorded and entered on the Portable Antiquities Scheme database which can be accessed at www.findsdatabase.org.uk.

When it is returned with the expert's report, we may have a better idea of when and where it was made.

I have previously found clay pipes, buckles, animal bones and teeth in the garden but this find beats them all.

Keith Nightingale

Linton Rainbows need you

AT their last meeting of the term, Second Linton Rainbows held a Pot of Gold party with a carnival theme as two Rainbows are moving up to Brownies in September.

Each Rainbow, dressed in their most colourful clothes, made masks to wear when they played the African drums and shakers at the party. The Rainbows were presented with their Pot of Gold badge and certificate. During the party the Rainbows also said 'goodbye' to their Leader, Paula Chamberlain who opened the unit in 2013 and wished her well for the future.

For the Second Linton Rainbows to continue to provide a safe girl-only space, Girlguiding Linton District is looking for volunteers to support the new Leadership Team in their weekly meetings. If you are energetic, enthusiastic and willing to try new things; have



Rainbows enjoying the carnival atmosphere at the party.

Picture supplied by Sarah Carter

organisational skills, an ability to work with people of all ages and a have a few spare hours a week then why not volunteer with Girlguiding.

If you are interested please contact Ann King, Girlguiding Linton District Commissioner,

on 897832 or on girlguidinglintondistrict@hotmail.com to find out more or register your interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested.

Sarah J Carter, District Assistant, Girlguiding Linton District

Skylarks in concert in Hadstock church

The Skylarks performing at a recent concert.



Picture supplied by Robin Betser

THE Friends of St Botolph Church Hadstock are putting on a concert by the Skylarks in aid of the church at 7.30pm on Saturday 13th September in the church.

The Skylarks are a local group of musicians (singer, trumpet, keyboard, grand

piano and a double bass) who will present an evening of early 20th century music.

Their repertoire includes music by Hoagy Carmichael, Kurt Weill, Carlos Cardel, George Gershwin and Cole Porter.

Refreshments will be

available during the interval.

Tickets are available from Lou Symes-Thompson on 891674 or at the door on the night for only £5.

Robin Betser, Secretary Friends of St Botolph Church Hadstock

Makeover on the High Street

OUR Co-op food store recently re-opened with a new look.

There are now signs above each aisle to help customers find the products and we have a larger range of products.

With the revamp comes a commitment to get more involved with the local community. We can take customer orders and in-store bakery orders etc. Please ask us for further information when you come.

We look forward to seeing you shopping with us.

Our management team remains the same – myself, Diana Heffer and Matthew Orloff (newly appointed).

Naomi Brown, Store manager



Rose Newman, a long serving staff member about to cut the ribbon

Picture taken by Roger Lapwood

Flower festival to be in October this year

WITH the flower festival fast approaching we would like to remind you that this year's theme is *Sacrifice*.

As you view the floral arrangements in the church, musicians and choirs will entertain you.

Refreshments will be served during the whole weekend and you can enter our grand raffle in the church pavilion.

The church will be open from 10am to 6pm on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th and from 11.30am to 6pm on Sunday 5th October.

At 4pm on Sunday our team of bell ringers will ring their own tribute to all who sacrificed their lives and at 5.30pm, to end the flower festival, Matthew Organ will play the Last Post.

It will be a fitting occasion for the families of those who sacrificed their lives fighting for their country. If you would

like their story mentioned, or if you would like to sponsor an arrangement in their honour, I can be contacted on 891111 or nanette1@hotmail.co.uk.

I look forward to hearing

from you soon and welcome you all to St Mary the Virgin Church for the festival.

Nanette Blackmore
Flower Festival
Co-ordinator

Too good for jumble...

THERE are three new items this month, an over bed table with wooden style melamine top, 2 ft long x 1ft 4" wide and adjustable to 2ft 7in high on a metal frame with castors, a round barbecue on a green steel trolley, and a TV/DVD mobile table/stand, light oak with two drawers and two shelves, 84cm long x 42 cm deep x 45cm high – excellent condition. Also on offer are 99 almost new Dunlop ping pong balls, 2 green plastic fold up garden chairs, a child's snooker table on a frame, 12 stacking metal chairs with black padded back & seats and the Hewlett Packard Deskjet 930C printer with set up disk.

Two wooden garden chairs sold for £10 for Granta Grapevine; 35 ping pong balls made £2.50 and the Canon toner cartridges made £10, both benefiting Linton library.

To buy any of the above or to offer 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.

Wishes can come true



Fire engine visits Linton Granta Playgroup

Picture by Harriet Allen

AT Linton Granta Playgroup, we try to ensure that the last few weeks of the term are ones to remember for the children leaving us to start school in September. One way we do this is to ask the children to place some of their wishes into a wishing well and we then endeavor to make their wishes come true.

Some of the wishes that were granted were to paint flowers, ice biscuits and turn a teddy into Sportacus. One last wish to be granted was for William and that was for a fire engine to visit the playgroup.

We were lucky enough to have the help of Linton Fire Station to do this and everyone was very excited when the fire engine turned up.

The children had a great morning with firefighters Mark, Mick and Seb who showed the children in and around the fire engine. Thank you for a fantastic morning.

We are also extremely pleased to be able to announce our new hours starting from September, which are as follows: morning 9am-12noon, lunch 12-12.30pm, afternoon 12.30-2.30pm, except for Tuesdays when there is only a morning session from 9am-12noon.

For admission enquiries or to arrange a visit please email Helen Boffey: rayandhelen@gmail.com or call us on 07806744864 during term time.

Harriet Allen

All Soul's service at St Mary's

AS is our tradition, St Mary's Church will be commemorating All Soul's Day. This is a time when the church remembers those who have died. At 6.30pm on Sunday 2nd November we will be holding a special communion service led by Lesley Gore and we invite family and friends to join us.

During the service a candle will be lit for each person being remembered. In addition to this act of remembrance, the names of those we wish to remember will be read out during a period of prayer. Please contact Sue Filby to have a name added to our list. We hope that this time of remembrance during a communal act of worship will prove to be a healing experience for us all.

Sue Filby - suef4rector@btinternet.com

PLODDING ALONG An update on police matters

I APOLOGISE to those of you who attended the last police surgery and were unable to see me due to illness. The next Police Surgery is from 6-8pm on Monday 8th September at the Police Office, based at the Fire Station. The next Panel Meeting will be on 16th October from 7 pm at the Fulbourn Institute, off Home End, Fulbourn. At this meeting you can discuss the priorities which will be set for the local policing team.

Please note the enquiry office at Sawston Police Station will be closed from the 28th August until the 12th September. Your nearest enquiry office will be Parkside in Cambridge.

Since the last e-cops I have the following crimes to report:-
On 13th August between 11.45am and 12pm a Samsung Galaxy 3 phone was stolen from an unlocked locker at a business premises in Cambridge Road, Linton. This has a crime reference number CF0309080814.

If anyone has any information regarding the above crime please let us know by calling 101 and quoting the Crime Reference number.

Leanne Fisher, PCSO, South Cambridgeshire

Protect your property

FOLLOWING the shed and outbuilding burglary campaign. Have you been offered tools at a price that seems too good to be true? They could be stolen. There is nothing good about stolen goods. It is always advisable to register such items for free on the Immobilise site www.immobilise.com/ and also physically code mark items.

To contact Crimestoppers direct call 0800 555 111 or online at <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Rachel Carr
Crime Reduction Officer

Human trafficking

THROUGHOUT August the police force's *Get Closer* campaign has been focussing on tackling human trafficking or modern-day slavery. It happens here in Cambridgeshire but most people are unaware of it. For more information see our website www.cambs.police.uk/GetCloser/HumanTrafficking

If you suspect human trafficking is happening near you, please report it to us by calling 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111

Lauren Alexander, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

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Tony Darnell
Police communications officer, Cambridgeshire

Stack fire alert

HARVEST is upon us and we are calling on local residents to help our fight against straw stack arson.

Stack fires can quickly spread and not only endanger people and livestock, but also lifelong work on farms. Stacks burn very slowly making crews unavailable for other emergencies.

What can you do?

We are urging residents and those passing through rural areas to keep a careful watch. Have you seen someone acting suspiciously around stores of hay or straw? Is there an unusual vehicle near farm buildings? Become a community member of Arson Watch and keep an eye on stacks in your area. Report suspicious activity to police on 101 or dial 999 if you see a stack fire.

Leanne Ehren
Media & Communications Officer



Chilford Hall wins national awards

AWARD winning Chilford Hall Vineyard in Cambridgeshire has won a total of seven medals in the English and Welsh Wine of the Year 2014 competition organised by the UK Vineyards Association and hosted by the Thames & Chilterns Vineyards Association.

Chilford Hall Vineyard won silver medals for its Blush 2013, Ortega/Reichensteiner 2013 white wine and Sparkling Rosé NV. Bronze medals were awarded to the vineyard for the following three white wines: Muller-Thurgau/ Ortega 2013, Muller-Thurgau/Reichensteiner 2013, Muller-Thurgau/Schonburger 2013 and also for their red wine, Regent 2013.

Fiona Alper, owner of Chilford Hall, says: "We have been fortunate to win awards for many years in the annual East Anglian wine awards, but to



Chilford Hall Vineyard

Picture supplied by Laura Caulton win seven medals in the national awards is wonderful - it clearly illustrates the excellent quality of our wines and how they are able to compete on an international level".

"This year we are hoping for a plentiful harvest following the hot weather and our wine tours and tastings, bistro and shop attract visitors from all over the UK". For prices or to book a wine tour, please contact Chilford Hall on 895600 or email events@chilfordhall.co.uk

Laura Caulton Oxwich
Communications Ltd

ACEs with bells on

ACEs had a brief encounter with Morris dancing on 12th August. The origin of the dance remains a mystery, but it is quintessentially English, idiosyncratic, site specific and easily misunderstood outside of England. We founded Al Baha Morris in Saudi; the Gulf War followed soon after...

Dr Nigel Strudwick, a leading light in Devil's Dyke Morris, spoke of the history, styles (Border, Rapper, Cambridgeshire Molly, etc) music and costumes. The swords, sticks and handkerchiefs add to the spectacle, the bells emphasising the vigorous moves. Blacked faces and costumes originally disguised dancers whose activities might have annoyed their landlords. Morris is skilful and energetic, although calories expended are rapidly replaced by that other English tradition - ale.

Based in agricultural villages, Morris declined after the Industrial Revolution, but was revived in late Victorian times. It is now a growing part of the folk scene, and really is very cool...

Next, ACEs have a coach trip to King's Lynn on 25th September, boarding at the Dog and Duck at 9.30am, then at the Cemetery and Fire Station. There will be an optional town tour. The cost will be £12-15 depending upon numbers, so spread the word. To book, call me on 891069

Enid Bald for ACEs

Budget survey for council

Cambridgeshire County Council is currently reviewing its annual business plan which includes looking at the authority's priorities and setting our budget for the year 2015/16.

The CCC Budget Planning consultation has just started. Before any final decisions are taken by councillors and stakeholders, we would like to gauge local opinion. Therefore, we would be grateful if you could take the time to view the proposals and complete the questionnaire on www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/budgetconsultation

The questionnaire closes on 30th September.

If you have any questions, please do get in touch on 699923 or by mail to SH1306, Shire Hall, Cambridge CB3 0AP

It would be greatly appreciated if you could promote this consultation to members of your household, your friends and your colleagues and ask them to complete this survey as well.

Louise Meats, Senior Research Officer,
Cambridgeshire Research & Performance

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Anonymous letters will NOT be published but names and addresses may be withheld if requested.

A little courtesy please

Dear Editor
We have been having a fantastic summer and it has been lovely to be able to sit in the garden and have meals outside. However, this is so often spoilt, especially on a weekend, by a few people who think it's a good idea to have a bonfire in the middle of the afternoon. One Saturday recently not only were we ultimately driven indoors by smoke but were also showered with ash outside. Please don't be selfish. Have your bonfire late in the evening or, better still, wait until autumn comes. Name and address supplied

Two of the World's biggest Coffee Mornings in Linton

Dear Editor
There will be a Coffee Morning from 10am on September 26th at Nichols Court in Flaxfields.

As usual we are joining in the World's biggest Coffee Morning and hope that you will join us to raise money for MacMillan nurses.

There will be winter pansies and hanging baskets, a cake stall, a raffle, tombola and good company and chat.

Please contact me on 894149 if you can help or donate to this good cause.
Bel Griffiths

Dear Editor
My friend and I have decided to take part in the World's biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer nurses.

This will take place between 9am and 12noon on Friday 26th September at 28 Tower View.

Donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated and, if anyone has them, garden chairs and a gazebo which we could borrow.

Please come along and support this very worthwhile charity. Many thanks.

Nicola and Jade

Firework night offer

Dear Editor
Would anyone like the wood from a dismantled shed for firework night?
Free - but would have to be collected.
Jean Whitby, 893645
Chalklands

Storytime begins on 9th September

Storytime is from 2-2.30pm every Tuesday during term time at Linton Librarys. Bring your children for half an hour of stories and fun. It's free, no need to book. Parents/carers to stay with children.

Anne Worthington

Trysha goes climbing

theWI AT our August meeting, Trysha Hunt gave an enthusiastic account of her hobby of rock climbing, assisted by Roger Lapwood on the projector.

Needing a challenge, Trysha started bouldering (climbing walls, no rope, no harness) indoors at Kelsey Kerridge Centre, graduating to the more advanced Milton Keynes climbing centre. Climbs are graded for degrees of difficulty; the oldest member of the club is 80 and has just stopped. Trysha now climbs outdoors all over the country with rope and harness, attached to which she has to carry a surprising amount of heavy equipment. There are guidebooks listing climbs with names such as *crazy hippy* from which she had a fall, only being saved by the quick thinking of the person on the ground.

Trysha belongs to the British Mountaineering Council, which has strict controls to protect rocks and wildlife. She has developed a keen interest in geology and nature from her hobby. Once a crowd of ravens devoured her lunch, somehow undoing her rucksack, which had been left at the bottom of the cliff. One particular slide had members guessing - it was of a grouse-drinking hole. Another was of millstones littered over the Peak District. They were carved by masons and abandoned when a method of making white flour instead of grey was discovered.

Women climbers who formed the Pinnacle Club in the 1900s, had to set out in long dresses and hobnail boots but with trousers hidden underneath.

The speaker at our next meeting on 2nd September is John Savill on *The History of Punch and Judy*.

Sally Proberts

Success at the Garden Show

THE sun shone for the gardening club's 72nd Annual Show, and the village hall was filled with a wonderful collection of exhibits. During the afternoon a steady flow of people came along to find out whether their entries had won a prize and to enjoy the display of local talent.

Dr Bruce Conochie, a former club member, presented the trophies. Jim Forrest won four trophies for his flowers and vegetables. Sandra Chapman won two trophies including one for best vegetable collection. Susan Anderson's enormous hydrangea *Annabelle* blooms won the Jubilee Challenge cup. Jim Foster won the fruit and vegetable section's Village College cup and his wife Wendy won the Harold Gawthrop cup for her pot plants. Gloria Fidler won the Endeavour cup for flowers. Ron Pitkin won both the photography cup and the cup for most first prizes. Jan Sheppard was awarded both trophies for the flower arranging section. Jill Morley retained the Domestic cup and Caroline Connell retained the Handicraft cup.

The children's entries included an amusing collection of fruit and vegetable monsters.



Jim Forrest receiving one of his many awards from Dr Bruce Conochie

Picture taken by Ron Pitkin

The new club trophies were won by Daisy Houghton-Perry (under eight years) and Henrietta Newble (eight-14 years). Linton Infant School's Gardening Club (all year groups) won the Green Fingers cup for groups.

Many thanks to everybody who helped create another successful and enjoyable show.

Why not join the Gardening Club? This year the programme starts a month earlier than usual at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 9th September in the village hall. At the meeting favourite speaker, Peter Jackson from Scotsdales, will be demystifying cuttings and propagation.

Helen Townsend (Show Secretary), 893577

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

WEEKLY

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| Conkers childrens' centre, 9.30am-12.30pm, Wed-Fri | CC |
| Whist drive, 7.30pm Mondays | VH |
| Chestnutbaby/toddlergroup, 9.30-11.30am Mondays term time | CC |
| Linton Granta football bingo, 7pm Mondays | Pavilion |
| Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701) | WEA, Tuesdays, 10am term-time |
| WEA, Tuesdays, 10am term-time | VH |
| Scrabble club, 10am-12noon alternate Tuesdays | CP |
| Linton Granta playgrp, 9am-12noon Monday-Friday | 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 |
| Table tennis club, 8pm Thursdays term time only | URC |
| Linton chess club, 7.30pm Tuesdays (893509) | CC |
| Granta duplicate bridge club, 2-4pm Tuesdays | VH |
| IT club, 7pm Tuesdays | CC |
| Tots in tow, 10-11.30am Wednesdays term time only | VH |
| Bowls roll-ups, 2-4pm Wednesdays | Pavilion |
| Linton radio race car club, 6-10pm Wednesdays | VH |
| Jelly Beans playgroup, 9-11.30am Thursdays | URC |
| Computer buddies, 2-4pm, Thursdays | Library |
| Cricet club, 6-8pm Thursdays | RG, LVC |
| Carpet bowls, 7.30pm Thursdays | VH |
| Bumps to babies, 1.15-2.45pm Thursdays | CC |
| Table tennis club, 8-10pm Thursdays term time only | URC hall |
| Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, 9.15-10am Fridays | CP |
| 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

SEPTEMBER 2014

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| 1 Camera club, 7.15pm | CC |
| 2 WI, 7.30pm | VH |
| 3 Reading group, 8pm | VH upstairs |
| 4 Hildersham village teatime, CANCELLED | |
| 4 Linton lunch club, 12noon | Red Lion, Horseheath |
| 6 Farmers' market, 9am | LVC |
| 9 VIP group, 2pm | Chalklands |
| 9 Garden Club, 7.30pm | VH |
| 10 Community Navigator, 10am - 12noon | HC |
| 13 Skylarks concert, 7.30pm | Hadstock church |
| 14 Lighthouse, 10.15am | URC hall |
| 16 Historical Society, 7.30pm | VH |
| 17 Cambridge Hearing Help, 9.30-12noon | HC |
| 18 Parish Council meeting, 8pm | CC |
| 20 King's Taverners concert, 7.30pm | St Mary's church |
| 21 Walking group, 11am | Church Lane |
| 21 Messy church, 2pm | St Mary's church |
| 21 Jazz concert, 6pm | Balsham church |
| 23 Cambridge Spies lecture, 7.30pm | Hildersham church |
| 25 ACE outing to King's Lynn, 9.30am | D&D |
| 26 Coffee morning, 9am | 28 Tower View |
| 26 Coffee morning, 10am | Nichols Ct |

OCTOBER 2014

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| 1 Reading group, 8pm | VH upstairs |
| 2 Hildersham village teatime, 3pm | Hildersham VH |
| 2 Linton lunch club, 12noon | Red Lion, Horseheath |
| 4 Farmers' Market, 9am | LVC |
| 3-5 Flower Festival | St Mary's church |
| 6 Camera club, 7.15pm | CC |

KEY: CC Cathodeon centre, CP church pavilion, D&D Dog and Duck, HC health centre, LH Linton Heights school, LI 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.

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Local Lives: the Courtneys

THERE'S no place like home. That's what Penny and Barrie Courtney say wholeheartedly after returning from five years of living in Spain. They first came to Linton in 2001 after doing a house swap with their daughter.

They had been to Spain many years previously for a family holiday and had always liked Mallorca so when Penny picked up the Saffron Walden Weekly to look for a new bike and saw an advert asking *Fancy spending the winter in Spain?* they decided to try it for three months.

The following year they went again, but for longer and finally decided to stay there, renting out their cottage in Linton until 2014. A rented house in Los Gallardos, a village near Mojaca, became their new home.

They were in two minds about living in an ex-pat community but loved the climate in winter. However, they found the summers unbearably hot and they missed their family more than they thought they would. As neither of them enjoys the best of health Penny had also begun to worry that in case of a medical emergency they wouldn't be able to find an interpreter. She had made the decision to return to England in 2012 but Barrie was adamant that they should stay for five years as they had planned.

They recently returned to Linton to stay for good and are delighted to see how the village has flourished in their absence. They would love to spend the winters in Spain, but sadly Barrie's health doesn't permit this. So they are back in the village home they love and here to stay.

Sarah Hurcum



Penny and Barrie back home

Picture by Sarah Hurcum

Friends of St Mary's presents King's Taverners

THE Kings Taverners, a popular singing group who often perform in this area, are coming to give a concert of music and readings to suit all tastes at 7.30pm on Saturday 20th September at St Mary's Church. Tickets, £10 (£5 for children) including refreshments, will be available at the door.

The Friends of St Mary's have had a successful summer, with a BBQ on July 5th enjoyed by about 50 people - who only had to run for cover during a very brief shower.

Tea parties, held in various gardens in the village, have also been well attended. All these events have so far raised over £600 for the Friends and will go towards the cost of repairs to the church walls and stained glass windows.

Looking ahead, The Friends will be running a Quiz evening at 7pm on Friday 17th October in the URC hall.

The Committee thanks all those who have supported the events.

Margaret Cox

Jazz comes to Balsham

JAZZ pianist Richard Michael, will give a concert at 6pm on Sunday 21st September in Balsham church, entitled *An Audience with Richard Michael*, when he will play and also react to some of the audience's suggestions for ideas.

Richard is honorary professor of jazz music at St Andrew's University and he can be found on youtube.

Tickets £10, or £8 for concessions can be bought in advance, from Balsham Post Office or Millers in Sussex Street in Cambridge, or on the door for £12 and £10. This will include drinks and nibbles after the concert, when Richard will mingle with the audience.

We hope to see you there. We are raising money to build our community room and loos in the church.

Gill Brown

Have fun and learn

GREAT Bradley Worker's Educational Association meets each Wednesday morning in the autumn and winter. The aim of our group is to provide friendly, informal and enjoyable courses with expert tutors. There is no need to have prior knowledge of the course subject, nor do you need to have any academic qualifications. In fact most people come to explore new ideas and topics and to enjoy a sociable morning with friends old and new.

This autumn term we will be having a series of talks on Royal Gardens: Kew, Hampton Court, Sandringham, Windsor and Buckingham Palace and Andrew Sankey will be the tutor.

The term starts on Wednesday 17th September in the Great Bradley Village Hall, where we gather at 10am for a 10.15 start, with the session finishing at about noon. Halfway through there is a break for tea or coffee and biscuits. The first week is available as a free taster to see if you like it, and from then the term's cost will be £49.

For more information you can contact Peter Smith on 01440 783278 or Gill Parry Brown on 893012

Tickets for Bartlow wall paintings lecture now available



Wall painting of St Christopher

Picture supplied by Graham Howat

AS we announced in the last issue, Bartlow's three newly restored medieval wall paintings will be the subject of a lecture by the Rev Dr Lynne Broughton at 7.30pm on 14th October in Bartlow Church.

Tickets will be on sale from 1st September from Mollie Haggie on 892613 or via e-mail: bartlow@msn.com; the price is £8 per head and there will be a licensed bar and refreshments afterwards.

Dr Broughton is a highly acclaimed authority on ecclesiastical art and will compare the imagery in Bartlow with examples from all over the country, thus putting these works in context. Her last lecture, a year ago, was a sell-out, so if you're planning to come, it would be wise to book early.

The picture of St Christopher with Christ on his shoulder is positively glowing. Details emerging include Christ's robe, St Christopher's beard, the drapery and the orb. The secret is that the wax and varnish previously applied absorbs light particles and as these layers are reduced, bright new details emerge. St Christopher is our most sophisticated painting, whereas St Michael is actually a grey/white/black monochrome work known as *grisaille*, which gives the effect of a relief sculpture. An interesting aside here is that the Devil's scaly elbow turns out to have a face painted on it, proving that so frequently a medieval artist will allow some humour to creep into his or her work.

Graham Howat 891732

Check ID at your door

WE'D like to remind our residents to be vigilant and always check the identification of anyone who calls at their door, including those who say they are from Cambridgeshire County Council or Trading Standards. Council officers will usually ring and make an appointment first if they intend to call on someone. Council officers always carry identification and will not be offended if you close the door on them whilst you verify who they are. You can call the County Council on 0345 045 5200 to check that they are a County Council Officer. Always leave

the chain on the door when you are answering to someone you do not know, take any identification card and examine it thoroughly.

Never employ tradesmen who call at your house uninvited. If you need a tradesman for any jobs big or small check out *Buy with Confidence* - a Trading Standards sponsored group of traders, all of whom have been thoroughly checked before being allowed into the scheme. Buy with Confidence can be found on the internet www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk, your local library or by calling Citizens Advice.

Beware of copycat websites

TRADING Standards Officers at Cambridgeshire County Council are urging residents to beware of copycat websites imitating official government services online. These are designed to trick you into parting with your cash unnecessarily by charging for services that are provided cheaper or free through official government channels.

Ordering new passports, booking driving tests, renewing European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) - the former E111 - and renewing car tax discs are just some of the ways that people are unwittingly being left out-of-pocket by shrewd fraudsters who operate copycat websites.

Copycat websites tend to use similar design features to replicate the look and feel of official service websites and often use URLs that include fragments such as govuk, directgov or relevant organisation names to make them appear as official providers of certain services.

The best way you can avoid being duped is to use www.gov.uk. It is the easiest and most secure place to find government services and information online. Instead of searching for the services you need via a search engine, go to www.gov.uk and use the search function there. Then you'll know you're on the official site.

If you do use a search engine, look out for the differences between natural search results and paid-for search results.

National Trading Standards is issuing advice for consumers to beat the cyber con-artists, including a video guide at www.tradingstandardscrime.org.uk/copycat-web-site-crackdown-2/

To report a misleading or copycat website, you can call the Citizens Advice consumer service on 03454 04 05 06.

Cambridgeshire Council officers are warning residents of a website called www.parkingpermit.com offering to process Blue Badge applications for a charge of £49, plus the cost of a badge. It is not necessary to apply for a Blue Badge through any other website other than the official government website on www.gov.uk/apply-blue-badge or by calling the Cambridgeshire Blue Badge Service on 0345 045 5204. This is a free registration service with a Blue Badge from Cambridgeshire costing £9, and £5 for a replacement.

Recycling - have your say

THE County Council is carrying out a consultation to inform its future household recycling service which will run for a six week period. This consultation is seeking views on a number of different options to help contribute to the £149 million savings required

by the County Council over the next five years. To have your say on how the recycling service within Cambridgeshire is provided in the future please go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/recyclingcentreservice between Friday 15th August and Friday 26th September.

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LINTON COUNTRY MATTERS

Text by Linton News Team illustrated by Maureen Williams



A hidden treasure

IT'S not every day that one finds hidden treasure in a car park, but that is what my husband and I found one spring day last year. We had left our car in an apple orchard which was being used as a car park for visitors to a garden open under the National Garden Scheme (NGS) to raise money for charity.

The trees were beautifully laid out in rows with a metal tag on each with the name of the variety. As we looked at the varieties we thought that most of these were East Anglian apples and we knew that many of these were under threat of extinction.

Seeing these trees, around a hundred in all, my curiosity was aroused and I contacted the owner, Mrs Turner, and asked about the history of the orchard.

One of the fields known as Kitts had been used as a market garden growing and selling strawberries. The storm of 1987 had destroyed the polytunnels for the strawberries and the land had not been cultivated since that time. The neighbouring field called Claydon's had grown cereals. Both had the same field patterns shown on the tithe maps of long ago.

The fields were covered in brambles with trees poking out of the rusting polytunnels and the remains of the broken water pipes used in the irrigation systems. The two fields had come up for sale and a developer was in the offing so Mrs Turner bought them in 1998. She wanted to plant trees as she was interested in maintaining the biodiversity of the apples and also keeping the ancient field patterns. She agonised about the loss of wildlife if she developed the orchard but was assured by environmentalists that nearby pockets of wildlife would offset the change. She has since planted five miles of hedges.

For two years, in all weathers, she and her gardener cleared the field by hand as no tractor could enter for fear of bursting its tyres. Finally a tractor could enter and plough the field.

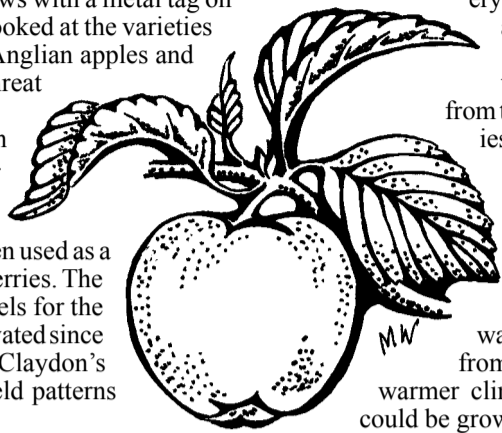
Root-stocks were purchased from East Malling and the first scions were from trees that had been removed during building work at the house. Other scions were chosen from East Anglian and Norman varieties, as well as old trees, and were grafted on and the orchard had begun. Scions were also obtained from local people who had interesting varieties – if you have an old apple tree get it identified by the RHS or Brogdale as it may be rare.

Today the trees are large and pruned to keep the shape and the centre is opened up to wind to keep fungus at bay. The undergrowth is kept neat with the help of a few sheep. The fruit is mainly used to make cider.

One interesting variety is called *The bloody ploughman*. A ploughman was caught stealing apples and was shot by the local keeper. His wife got the bag of apples but threw them on the compost heap. One of the seedlings that grew was rescued by a workman. The fruit is blood red and when very ripe the flesh becomes stained with pink giving rise to the name.

The history of English apples

THERE has been a long history of apple trees in England since the Romans and later the Normans brought them over from the continent. The development of new varieties started in the 18th century and reached a peak in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, mainly through the work of gardeners on major estates and by nurserymen who were concentrating on producing apples with a great taste. This included the Laxton's Superb, Cox's Orange Pippin and the Bramley's Seedling – famous varieties from the total national collection of 1,900 varieties held at Brogdale in Faversham.



The decline in English orchards may have begun in 1917 when it was made illegal for farmers to pay part or all of their workers wages in cider and so many farmers gave up their orchards. Once we became the members of the EEC, there was no restriction on apples being imported from abroad during the English season. In warmer climes abroad varieties with higher yields could be grown whereas the English climate generated fruit with better flavour but lower yield. It is estimated that by the 1950s over 60% of orchards in England, both private and commercial had been lost. It is not all gloom, for new varieties of apples have been developed, and new mechanisation introduced, so that English apples have increased their share of the total market from a low point of 23% in 2003 to 38% in 2011. However only a few varieties are stocked by supermarkets and we are in danger of losing the biodiversity and flavour of apples.

An organisation called Common Ground has tried to promote community activities, as well as maintain the biodiversity of the English fruits, by helping groups of people start community orchards on common land. One such orchard is in Midsummer Common in Cambridge and our parish council is considering making one if they can find a suitable site in the village.

Common Ground also initiated the October Apple day as a symbol of the physical, cultural and genetic diversity we should not let slip away.

Go and see for yourself

To see the orchard, go to the NGS open garden day between 2-5pm on 7th September at Parsonage House, Helions Bumpstead, CB9 7AD.

The garden has a beautiful herbaceous border and wildflower meadow – but don't forget to look at the car park.

Admission is £3.50 and there will be tea and home made cakes on sale. For further information see the NGS website www.ngs.org.uk and look under Essex or get the NGD brochure for Essex

Walk your way to health

ONE of the best ways of improving your physical state is walking. There are two Wandlebury health walks, one for faster and more regular walkers and one for the slower and beginners.

Come and join us on Thursday mornings at 10am for the faster walk or 10.30am for the slower walk. No need to book, just turn up on the day, we look forward to seeing you.

The walks are free so you have nothing to lose and everything to gain. The front leaders put down red arrows to indicate the direction to walk (some of the walkers have named us the Red Arrow Club). We also have a back marker who walks behind the slowest walkers so nobody is left out on their own, all leaders being in radio communication.

One of the best ways of improving mental health is socialising. Tea, coffee and soft drinks are available for a small donation after the walks. Whilst enjoying the refreshments everybody sits and chats and passes the time of day, with some of the walkers saying it is the highlight of their week.

Diane and Peter Cornwell Walk Leaders, 07975734441

POT POURRI 114

How far to the venue?

A CAR leaves Linton at 60mph arriving at a venue, waits for six minutes and returns at 10mph.

If the total time taken was one hour 30minutes, how far was it to the venue?

Solution to 113 – How many were there?

There were five girls and four boys.

Apologies there was error in last month's puzzle

.. of the boys should have been (f) not (w) -

Urania

NEWS IN BRIEF

Changes to the number 13 bus route to Haverhill

FROM the first of September the journey between Linton Village College and Haverhill that currently departs from LVC at 3.10 pm will in future depart from LVC at 3.20pm.

For further information contact the County Council Passenger Transport Team, on 0345 045 0675 or email passenger.transport@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or write to the Passenger Transport Team, Box CC 1301, Castle Court, Shire Hall, Cambridge CB3 0AP

Change of plan

THE Parish Council has agreed to trial a reduction of full council meetings held, from two, to one a month. This will be held on the third Thursday of every month.

Unfortunately an incorrect date of 4th September remained in the August edition of the Linton news.

The full council meeting dates for the rest of this year for the Diary Section are as follows, 18th September, 16th October, 20th November and 18th December.

Clerk to the Parish Council

Come and sing with the Cambridge Chord Company

THIS is a course being run to encourage more men to take up singing. You do not have to be able to read music, no experience is necessary, and men of all ages are welcome.

The two week course starts at 7.30pm on 2nd October at the village institute, Gt Abington.

For further details and registration contact me on 891642 or 07884 932215 or www.cambridgechordcompany.co.uk/sing-course

Peter Lester

Hildersham News

THE Hildersham village *Teatime* planned for September 4th has had to be cancelled due to the refurbishment of the Village Hall. The next *Teatime* will take place from 3-4.30pm on 2nd October in the village Hall when we can enjoy the new floor and heating system as well as tea and cakes.

The next Hildersham Lecture, *Cambridge Spies* will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23rd September at Hildersham Church. We are delighted to welcome Christopher Andrew, Professor of modern and contemporary history at Corpus Christi College Cambridge and official historian of MI5. Tickets at the door are £5 including refreshments.

For any queries please contact me on 892848 or at catherinemyer43@btinternet.com

Cathy Myer

Bridge the gap five mile charity walk around the colleges

Now in its 13th year the walk which is in aid of the Arthur Rank Hospice charity and Press Relief, takes place from 9.30am on Sunday 14th September starting in Jesus Green Cambridge. To enter goto www.arhc.org.uk/bridgethegap or call 434378 to request an entry form or collect from any branch of the Cambridge building society.

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The Derbyshire Post



AS the college year comes to a close we reflect on the events that have passed and I think the conclusion we must come to is that it has been a great one.

It was not without its sad moments, however. In December we took time to mark the passing of Nelson Mandela in school assemblies and to take stock of what the great man had meant to us. LVC's link with South Africa began some 14 years ago when exchanges of teachers between the college and a school in Gauteng province began. The school was in the middle of Soshanguve Township, 20 miles from Pretoria, a poor area of corrugated metal shacks, a few brick buildings and dust roads. Children who attended the school were poor, some were infected with HIV and the facilities were underdeveloped.

14 years on and many changes have been witnessed: the Mandela and post-Mandela years brought more funding and initiatives to the township, shack owners became landowners, converting their temporary properties to brick homes, opportunities grew and some families in the district became prosperous.

With our help and support the facilities at the school improved and Principal Sarah Seroka, inspired by what she had seen at LVC, introduced many changes to the school day. In the past 12 years, five groups of Linton young people have visited the school and gone to stay in the township.

Our visit in 2008 was particularly special because it coincided with Mandela's 90th birthday and the District Commissioner invited us to a Government birthday party. The link remains important to the college: one of our student houses is named Mandela and we have a Mandela Wing in the listed building. This summer a group of teachers and students have travelled across to be hosted by Soshanguve families once more. We very much look forward to hearing about their travels when they return. Long may the link and the legacy of Nelson Mandela continue.

Caroline Derbyshire
Principal

Health & Wellbeing Fair

AS part of this year's Cambridgeshire Celebrates Age, a Health and Wellbeing Fair is being held at Cambridge central library on Wednesday 29th October.

There will be a range of display stalls providing information about the practical help and support available to enable you to maintain your health and wellbeing. If you wish, you'll also be able to join in some fun activities such as ping

pong and hand massage, and there will be a talk about healthy snacks.

Exhibitors will include Adult Social Care, Age UK, Alzheimer's Society, Cam-sight, Care Network, Carers Support Team, Library Health Information Team and NRS Healthcare.

Come along to the third floor conference and exhibition space at the library any time between 10am and 1pm.

You can find out more at www.cambscelebratesage.org.uk

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The Way We Were

by Garth Collard

Volunteers of the Great War serving in the Empire forces

SATURATION coverage of Britain's contribution to victory in WW1 has overshadowed the contribution of the Empire to the allied victory. Canada mobilised 620,000 men of whom 60,000 died. Australia and New Zealand mobilised similar numbers. Local men who had emigrated played an important role in the Empire armies. Information from the Commonwealth, Canadian and Australian War Commissions list at least 30 local men who died while serving in the Empire forces.

Geoffrey Tudor Barber, aged 27 years, emigrated to Australia with his family in August 1914. His father was the licensee of the Crown Inn and Geoffrey was leader of the Linton Scouts.

Geoffrey was killed in the Somme area aged 30.

Frederick Whiffin from Linton was killed in August 1915 when the Anzac forces attacked Gallipoli. His family had lived at Osnaburgh House in the High Street - opposite the Crown Inn. He served in the New Zealand army, which attacked Turkey.

His friend Philip Plumb, a former Balsham choirboy, died in the same battle.

RCR Tofts from Linton and Abington died on 24th April 1915 in the Ypres area, fighting in the Canadian army. He was an only child and his parents also worked in Linton. He had worked for John Ricketts, an Abington builder and carpenter. Tofts had been a regular soldier until 1908

and represented his regiment at Bisley. He was the best shot in his Canadian regiment when he joined up in May 1912. His name is inscribed on the Menin Gate memorial.

Walter Cowell from Balsham, a member of the Canadian Infantry, was killed in June 1916 and had only left Balsham for Canada in 1912.

Albert Brown survived a gas attack while serving in the Ontario regiment and had lived in Nine Chimneys Lane, Balsham. He was only 25 years old when he was killed in the Ypres area.

Cyril Glasscock from Abington was in the Canadian Infantry when they captured Vimy Ridge in April 1917. The Ridge, a German strong point which dominated the front line

in the Arras campaign, had been repeatedly attacked without success until the Canadian triumph. His brother Gerald also died in the attack.

Herbert Deer, the second son of a Balsham family joined the Australian army in August 1916 and was killed six months later in the Ypres sector. His family lived at Frogshall Farm in Balsham.

The deaths of many more Linton and district male emigrants are recorded in the War Commissions lists. When I took parties of Linton village college children to the battlefields they were able to locate local names both on individual gravestones and the massive wall inscriptions of the names of soldiers whose bodies had not been identified.

Linton Health Centre news

WE must say a fond farewell to Dr Susie Beattie who is leaving general practice to join the Chaplaincy Team at Addenbrooke's. Dr Beattie has contributed greatly to the work of the practice in her seven years with us and she is going to be missed by us all. However, it is an exciting time for Susie and we all wish her well in her new caring role at Addenbrooke's.

New appointments system - in the autumn we plan to trial a new appointments system. Details can be found in a newsletter available from reception or on our web site www.linton.gpsurgery.net under the News tab.

Text messaging - we plan to introduce text messaging, starting with appointment reminders. If you use the on-line service to book appointments or order repeat prescriptions, click on *change contact details* to check whether we have your

mobile number and tick the box *allow SMS notifications*. Update forms will be available in reception for those who do not use the on-line service.

Flu vaccinations are recommended annually for over 65s and children aged two, three and four on 1st September, plus patients of any age in at risk groups

Pneumococcal vaccination is recommended as a one-off vaccination for over 65s and those in at-risk groups

Shingles vaccination is available only to those aged 70 on 1st September and those aged 78 and 79, ie dates of birth 2/9/1943 - 1/9/1944 and 2/9/1934 - 1/9/1936. The vaccine is supplied to us by the DoH and we are unable to vaccinate patients outside these specific age groups.

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FIRST of all I would like to thank the team of collectors for last year's effort and the residents of Linton and Hadstock for their generosity in donating to the appeal. Last year's collection raised £4248.12.

Most of the collectors have agreed to carry on this year but we are only a small team and cannot cover all the area. If you can give up a couple of hours supporting this year's Poppy Appeal I would love to hear from you.

If you are a shop or business in either village and did not have a collection box last year please let me know and I will try to remedy this.

If you would like to help, please contact me on 891097 or email dbrooker7951@mail.com

Dave Brooker, Honorary Organiser

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- S/1267/14/FL Ewen Kellar, 33 High Street. Vertical flue extension from a condensing boiler up to the front of the dwelling.
- S/1268/14/LB Ewen Kellar, 33 High Street. Proposed flue on front of existing listed building.
- S/1552/14/FL Ms Kathryn Jennings, 22 High Street. Erection of single storey side extension and replace existing garage with store/summerhouse.
- S/1698/14/FL Mr & Mrs R Murrell, 6 Wheatcroft. Part two storey part single storey side extensions.
- S/1857/14/LB and S/1856/14/FL Mr A Powell, 8 Green Lane. Alterations to existing property including replacement single storey extensions at the south end of the building; a new build, link attached, single storey extension at the rear (west) facade following demolition of existing structure; and a detached replacement garage.
- S/1916/14/LB J Elliot & A Butterworth, 7 Green Lane. Relocation of kitchen to front ground floor room.

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Parish Council Matters

Linton in 1881

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EVERY 10 years since 1801 there has been a national census. Initially there was no listing of names, but in 1841 names and ages were collected for the first time and in later censuses places of birth were also recorded. Details of each census are only released after 100 years have elapsed, so the latest census data available is that from 1911. When the 1881 Census was released the Church of the Latter day Saints (the Mormons) offered to convert the hand written script of the census enumerators into digital format, and produced a set of CDs which were freely available, and enabled me to analyse the 1881 Census returns for Linton.

In 1881 there were 1,754 people recorded as being in Linton on the night of the Census, and of those listed 1,161 (66.2%) reported that they had been born in Linton. Of the non-Linton born inhabitants 460 (28.4%) were born in other parts of Cambridgeshire, Essex and Suffolk. However, I am sure that as a proportion of the current population the number would be dramatically less. Across the country 1,560 other people were recorded as having been born in Linton, so there had been some migration from Linton, although the greater percentage, 40.4% (630), had moved relatively locally and 20% (312) had moved to London.

At the time there were some large family groups who still have representatives in the village at present. The top 10 family groups were as follows:- Kidman (54 members), Wright (52), Hill (50), Wiffin (50), Casbolt (49), Morley (41), Day (40), Tofts (32), and Norton (30). Amongst those recently, or currently living in the village there were Linsdell (22), Pamment (20), and Cottage (20).



Picture from the private collection of Dr Brian Cox

In relation to Christian names the top ten names for men were:- William (108 - 13% of all males in the village), George (80), Charles (73), John (63), Thomas (55), Frederick (41), James (33), Alfred (27), Henry (25), and Arthur (24). For women the most common name was Mary (114 - 12% of all females), Sarah (71), Elizabeth (69), Emma (41), Eliza (39), Alice (38), Ellen (33), Harriet (31), Ann (30), and Emily (25). These days these names are less likely to be given to children, but although such names as Mia, Kirsty, Liam and Tyler often occur they are much more acceptable than some of the names appearing in 1881. Amongst the males there were:- Anslip, Boston, Cleere, Elijah, Ezer, Iazania, Jabez, Musgrave, Septimus and Zeppunah. Also the females had some rather unusual names:- Alethea, Arethusia, Creiisa, Daura, Elexey, Florry, Hepzibah, Laidham, Loris, Lucretia and Pechy.

In 1881 Linton a lot of families had many children; there were two families with nine children, three families with eight children, and nine families with seven children. If the couple were age 30 or above only one child in the family was a rarity.

The principal employment for men was as agricultural labourer and there were 249 listed in 1881. At the time there was

little mechanisation in farming and there were many accidents associated with the use of such primitive machinery as did exist. There is a grave in the Churchyard which contains the remains of a poor lad who was killed when a farm boiler exploded. My own great grandfather's first wife was killed by a threshing machine at Old Leake in Lincolnshire in 1870.

To employ all these farm workers there were 13 farmers with a range of land area from Robert Wright who had a farm of 20 acres employing six labourers, to Thomas Chalk who farmed 1,025 acres and employed 50 men and four boys. The locations of these farms were not always evident as Thomas Chalk's address was High Street. However William Chalk (850 acres) farmed Chilford Hall, Eliza Clayden (615 acres) farmed Little Linton and Edward Clayden (965 acres) farmed Barham Hall.

The next largest employment group was domestic servant of various categories. There were a total of 115 in this group - both men and women. Although there was a railway which enabled travel into Cambridge, there were a range of shops and trades within Linton to supply all the residents' needs. For example there were three people listed as chemists, five as grocers, two fishmongers, eight bakers, six butchers, seven shoemakers, seven brewers, six milliners and seventeen dressmakers.

For transport needs - which was mostly by horses or horse drawn carriage there were:- four flycart proprietors or carmen, coachmen, farriers, harness makers, wheelwrights and blacksmiths.

Only six people were listed as unemployed, there were 38 listed as paupers - not all of them living in the workhouse, which is now called Symond's House, in Symond's Lane. Although in the maps of 1600 the road is listed as 'Seamon's Lane', in 1881 it is called 'Union Lane' after the workhouse which was also known as the 'Union'. When the name reverted to 'Symond's Lane' is not clear. In fact from the Census returns it is not possible to identify specific houses in the main thoroughfares, as the house number listed is not the one by which is now known. Several locations are listed as now:- High Street, Cambridge Road Cottages, Horn Lane, Grip Cottages. But some have had the name modified, or are now no longer identifiable (it is possible that Garth Collard can give us the answers). Meadow Lane was in 1881 known as Cricket Meadow Lane. But where was Water Hall, Oxham Lane, Nichols Row or Cranes Yard? Of current interest is what to call the new estate replacing the police houses. For locally born residents it was known as the 'Rookery', and in 1881 it was listed as 'Wrights Rookery'. The parish council has always had a policy of naming new developments with reference to their historical names, and it is hoped that this precedence will be followed in relation to the new estate.

These days most village people are employed away from their home village, but in 1881 employment was mostly within the village. It is always fascinating to be able to look at these snapshots of the past, and compare village life over 130 years ago with life within Linton today.

Cllr Brian Cox

South Cambs District Council local plan for houses in doubt - bad news for villages?

THE pre-submission process for the South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) Local Plan has cast doubts on the capability of the plan to meet the Government five-year housing supply target. Potentially SCDC has to go back to the drawing board and find new sites for an additional 1000 houses.

In other areas of the country such situations have prompted an immediate flood of new housing proposals from developers. This is bad news for SCDC villages as it means that some development sites which were previously rejected will now have to be re-examined by SCDC. Linton was one of the most heavily targeted villages by developers. Altogether developers submitted proposals for 4200 houses in Linton. These stretched in an arch from the A1307 across the Horsehath Road, along the Balsham and Back Roads as far as the telephone exchange and up to Rivey Wood. Some proposals

were for a few houses and some for hundreds or thousands. But the concern remains that once one proposal is accepted the floodgates will be open. SCDC now has to re-examine the previously rejected village sites to see which are the 'least worse' as it were. SCDC is also talking to Cambridge City Council to see if there is a way in which they can submit a joint housing plan using land around the city. Linton Parish Council will now need to accelerate the development of its own Neighbourhood Plan. In other parts of the country neighbourhood plans have successfully protected communities from unwanted development. The next phase of public consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan will start in September 2014. If you want to help in anyway and need to know how or just want more information please email lintonpc@btconnect.com marking your query 'NP Up-date'.

Cllr Paul Poulter

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Parish Council (PC/LPC) meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 17th July 2014.

Present: Erid Bald (EB) (chairman); Paul Poulter (PP) (vice-chair); David Champion (DC); Simon Hill (SH); Brian Manley (BM); Nicola Miller (NM); Alison Walker (AW); Brian Cox (Dr) (BC); Merrie Mannassi (MM); David Lissemore (DL) Jacque Wilson (JW). Clerk: Marilyn Strand & Tracy Coston. District Cllr Henry Batchelor, County & District Cllr Roger Hickford, and Mrs Kate France (press) were also present.

Apologies for absence: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Jan Bumstead, Graham Potter and Beatrice Ward. Apologies had not been received from Cllr Keiran Wakley.

Disclosures of interest: SH and DC declared a personal interest in the Allotments item. EB declared an interest in the correspondence item, Braintree DC East Anglian Tree Forum.

Public participation: Kate France stated that there was a problem with overhanging bushes along the passageway which runs between Rhugarve Gardens and Bartlow Road. She asked if the PC could write to the homeowner reminding them of their responsibility to keep the pathway clear.

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July: The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July were agreed and signed by the chairman. Proposed by DC and seconded by BM. All agreed.

Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July: MM delivered a report from the meeting of the Village Hall trustees which will be distributed to the PC and itemised on the agenda of the next full council meeting.

DC confirmed that a reminder had been sent to Nigel Blazey at South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) requesting a response to LPC's planning issues letter dated 10th June. No reply had yet been received.

The clerk confirmed that all actions from the last meeting were in progress or had been completed.

Written reports from district councillors: Cllr Henry Batchelor had issued a report which he delivered at the meeting. On planning application S/0948/14/FL - 20 Cambridge Road, Cllr Batchelor stated that the district council is only obliged to card houses which touch the boundary of the proposed site. However he confirmed that on this occasion, all houses in the vicinity of 20 Cambridge Road, including on the opposite side of the road, had been carded, and that A4 notices had been erected facing the A1307. Cllr Hickford confirmed that the 21-day consultation period begins on the day on which planning applications are posted in the area.

Cllr Batchelor highlighted forthcoming crime surgeries being held in the village; please see his report for details of these.

AW welcomed the news that Cambridgeshire schools are to get an extra £23.2 million in government funding, as highlighted in Cllr Batchelor's report. EB is aware of the work done by many to achieve this.

Written report from county councillor: Cllr Roger Hickford had issued a report which he delivered at the meeting. Cllr Hickford stated that parking charges at all Park and Ride sites in Cambridge are being introduced on 22nd July.

The South Cambridgeshire Local Plan has not been approved. There is an identified shortfall of 1500 houses and developers can, therefore, bring in amber and green sites previously not in the plan. Linton should not be affected due to objections from the Highways department following the SHLAA review of sites.

JW highlighted an article in the local newspaper advertising Lifeline Plus, a group providing services to assist the elderly in South Cambs. The service appears to duplicate that of community wardens employed by AgeUK (including Linton's own). Cllrs Batchelor and Hickford will look into this and feedback at the next meeting.

A lengthy and frank discussion between Cllr Hickford and LPC was held regarding the 'calling in' process over the 20 Cambridge Road planning application. Cllr Batchelor and LPC were in agreement that the request to call in this planning application was motivated by public opinion only. However, Cllr Hickford

clarified that an application can only be called in once a decision has been made, and in this case, the decision is still to be released. Cllr Hickford agreed that parish, district and county councillors all represent the public's interests and should act accordingly.

All parties agreed that a positive working relationship, with good communication and collaboration between parish, district and county councillors would be of benefit to the residents of Linton and the wider South Cambridgeshire community. Ways to improve on this in the future should be sought by all in order to avoid further confusion over procedure and to make clear the work being carried out by all councillors. Cllr Hickford offered to forward a clarification of the calling in procedure to the clerk.

Procedures review group meetings: EB had issued two reports which she delivered at the meeting.

All staff contracts are to be reviewed for legality. This could be outsourced to a HR company, or done in-house by the clerk following guidance on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CAPALC) website.

The frequency of LPC meetings (twice monthly) had been reviewed, and it was proposed that this be reduced to one meeting per month, giving more time between meetings to progress action points. Delegation to sub-committees and working groups between meetings would make the PC more effective and be of benefit to the whole village. Planning committee meetings would remain twice monthly due to the high number of applications received.

PC decision: LPC meetings will be reduced to one per month, with a review of this decision to be made at the meeting of the PC in January 2015. Proposed by AW and seconded by PP. All agreed.

Parish office opening hours had been reviewed and it was proposed that they be reduced to mornings only. PC decision: The parish office will no longer be open between 4pm and 5.30pm on Monday evenings, effective Monday 21st July. Proposed by AW and seconded by DC. All agreed.

Action: clerk to inform the Linton News of the new office hours and update signs and postings around the village.

The procedures review group is to meet again as soon as practicable.

Consideration of quotations for outsourcing HR: EB explained the contractual requirements for existing staff and it was agreed that a professional HR company should be employed to set up contracts and provide Employment Handbooks. Quotations from three HR companies, Honest Employment Law Practice (HELP), Abbey HR and Ellis Whittam, were considered. PC decision: To engage the services of Honest Employment Law Practice for the initial set up of all contracts and employee handbooks for a fee of £250, followed by 12 months subscription to their HR helpline at a cost of £70 per month, to be reviewed after 6 months. Proposed by DC and seconded by MM. All agreed. Action: clerk to check LPC's Employer's Insurance cover for suitability and report to the chairman.

To consider Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) Pensions Discretion Policy: The clerk presented the Discretions Policy to councillors for their consideration. It is a requirement that LPC holds such a policy which must be reviewed annually. PC decision: To accept the Pensions Discretion Policy for submission to LGSS Pensions. Proposed by NM and seconded by SH. All agreed.

Update on Allotments: A detailed plan has now been drawn up by Paul Orton and will be circulated to Linton Allotments Association (LAA) and other interested parties for comment. The road entrance to the allotments needs to be confirmed with David Lines at CCC.

Action: EB/clerk to circulate the plan to LAA and contact D Lines to confirm the position of the road entrance.

Update on the Neighbourhood Plan (NP): Hildersham have put forward four volunteers to work on the NP, including Andrew Westwood-Bate who has experience in digital media. The application for grant funding is being progressed and should be available for review at the next meeting.

Kate France asked that adverts in the village asking for volunteers for the NP could be more specific in order to help people understand what is needed. MM suggested adding questions to the headings, for example under 'Housing' the question 'Would you like to see more houses built in Linton?' could be asked. This might help residents to engage more fully with the plan and therefore be more willing to volunteer. PP stated that at this stage it is important not to lead potential volunteers too specifically as ideas, for example on future housing development, should come from the volunteers themselves. The NP and process had been the subject of previous articles and reports.

EB thanked PP for his involvement with the Neighbourhood Plan.

Update on Valley Groundscare contract issues: Leadwell Meadows has still not been cut. The clerk is corresponding with Valley Groundscare about this and other issues in the village, and will give an update at the next LPC meeting.

The path leading down to Leadwell Meadows is the responsibility of CCC as it is a right of way. Action: MM to contact CCC to ask them to cut the right of way leading down to Leadwell Meadows.

Correspondence received for consideration: McNicholas re: closure of High Street between Balsham Road and Green Lane, 15-17 September for Fulcrum Gas work. The proposed diversion for these works includes the use of Mill Lane which LPC consider unsuitable, and potentially dangerous, for the increased traffic. Action: clerk to email LPC's comments to McNicholas and CCC Highways, with a copy to Cllr Roger Hickford, as soon as possible.

Marfleet Construction re: Cambridge Road bus stop/shelter repositioning. The original planning application included the provision of a new bus stop and LPC would prefer this to recycling the old one. Action: clerk to refer back to SCDC approved plans and conditioning regarding the original application.

SCDC re: street naming of Cambridge Road housing development. Marfleet Construction has proposed that the development be named 'Charter Close' in memory of the long serving policeman Frederick Charter. However in its original meetings with the developer and after advice from Garth Collard, the local historian, LPC had already agreed to the site being called 'The Rookery' which is the historic name of the site. Action: clerk to respond to the letter from Diane Duncan at SCDC with LPC's comments.

The Hundred Parishes Society re: website launch and Linton introduction. The clerk will distribute the email for comments and amendments.

Braintree District Council re: East Anglian Tree Warden Forum 4th October 2014. Consideration for EB and BW to attend. Approved. Proposed by NM and seconded by PP. All agreed. EB thanked the council. Action: clerk to send application form and cheque to Braintree DC.

SCDC Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule consultation. Not relevant to our area. Noted.

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

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