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Pupils scoop British future film award

A DOCUMENTARY entitled *The Wooden House*, which was entered for the British Film Institute (BFI) Future Film Festival Award won first place at the prestigious award ceremony on 22nd February.

The film shows a larger than life house in Cottenham which is owned by art director, Wesley West, and features him in an interesting, amusing and fascinating documentary. The brightly coloured house is full of Wesley's sculptures and also features ceramic work by his partner, Amanda MacPhail. The film was shown to a packed audience at the BFI awards show and the team were overwhelmed when it was chosen.

Their winnings were £500 and a glass trophy.

The winning team who now study at Long Road. Hannah Gautrey who went to Impington Village College made the film together with her team Dayna Crawford from Linton Village College who did the sound recording and lives in Linton, and Sharmin Yousuf from Chesterton Community College who was the interviewer.

All are currently studying for a level 3 media diploma and Hannah is also studying A level film studies. The film was made with no budget, just a great idea and dedicated team who are passionate about their subject.

Sarah Campion



Long Road Students Hannah Gautrey, Dayna Crawford and Sharmin Yousuf, pictured in the wooden house

Picture supplied by Sarah Campion

Co-op sponsors LVC Theatre Group

THE Linton Co-operative Food Group has donated £515 to Linton Village College Theatre Group following a series of fundraising activities among customers and staff. The money raised was used to support the recent production of *Bugsy Malone*.

Students Kane Caruana, Ethan Coppack and Matthew Cutter came up with ideas and led fundraising activities both at the store and at the college.

Nick Mele, Community Pioneer at the Co-operative said: "we worked together with the students very successfully over several months, with staff giving their time freely and customers donating their change at the shop. The students were full of enterprising ideas which helped us to achieve this sum."

Sponsorship Volunteer for the college, Gerry O'Keefe added: "our students gave up their lunchtimes and led



Handing over the money

Picture supplied by Tony Kelly

several projects, negotiating well with this local business.

They really enjoyed working with Nick and his staff, who were generous in every way.

The money raised helped

pay for splurge guns and performing rights for the production, allowing us to put on *Bugsy Malone* in style.

Tony Kelly

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Mystery snappers observed in Linton

CURIOUS villagers were surprised to see two well-dressed men emerge from a parked Jaguar and take photos of the fields between the Bartlow-Horseheath-Balsham Road.

This is land owned by Pembroke College, the Diocese of Ely and others.

Polite questioning established that they were not bird watchers but Landscape Consultants carrying out site appraisals. Landowners can invite whomsoever they wish onto their land and other recent invitees have included archaeologists—also carrying out site surveys.

These fields form part

of a site previously rejected by South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) planners for the proposed development of at least 629 houses.

Many rejected development sites are being similarly appraised in other parishes in South Cambridgeshire. This is because the Local Plan (LP) to meet future housing needs put forward by SCDC has not yet been accepted by the Government.

The LP proposed meeting the housing target by building major new settlements rather than expanding SCDC villages outside their existing settlement boundaries.

Without an SCDC-LP in place there is little that most villages can do until actual planning applications are made but fortunately Linton and Hildersham residents can press on with completing their Neighbourhood Plan (NP).

The Linton and Hildersham NP, the first in S Cambs, will help give villagers a greater say in the planning and policy decisions which will affect them and future generations.

The results of the first Linton and Hildersham NP Consultation held in January are reported in Parish Matters.

To progress the NP, community volunteers are now needed to develop it based on the themes and results of the consultation.

Volunteers need not be experts but just need a real interest and passion for issues affecting the villages.

Volunteers will have the support of a professional planning consultant, an NP project manager, the PCs and SCDC.

Please see this issue of Parish Matters for further details of the role and how to become involved.

Don't delay. Help the villagers have their say.

LNT

Co-op to close soon for two weeks

THE Linton Co-op will be closed from 18th April and re-opened on 1st May.

Many senior citizens, who do not drive, may have difficulty shopping during that time. Helping Hands can provide transport to other stores for a small charge.

If you need help please call Bruce Conochie on 894460 any day and transport will be arranged as soon as possible.

Bruce Conochie

New Rector for Linton

THE Bishop of Ely is pleased to announce that the Reverend Canon Dr Maggie Guite has been appointed Team Rector of the Linton Team Ministry in the Ely Diocese.

Maggie is currently Priest in Charge of St Mark's, in Cambridge. Maggie's last Sunday and induction date will be confirmed in due course.

Mrs Jane Sansom, 01353 662749

Executive PA to the Bishop of Ely

Church access made easier for all

ST MARY'S congregation decided that when the next set of church repairs was carried out, they should also use the opportunity to ensure everyone could easily access the church in future. With internal space limited, the scheme to lower the north porch floor was developed.

Like the Quinquennial works, the porch alterations were carried out by specialist conservation builders, Bakers of Danbury. When Terry and Steve from Bakers began breaking up the old porch floor in February, laid around a century ago, their drill unexpectedly located a large void.

A massive drain, consisting of several dry-jointed drainpipes, ran below the floor, connecting drainage channels either side of the porch. They also discovered a disused heating flue running under the porch and the church floor. Flooding had washed away the ground below the drainpipes, which then collapsed, causing water to pour out below both the porch and the church for many years whenever it rained.

Following a pause whilst church architect Henry Freeland decided the best way forward, Bakers have been able to reconstruct the drainage. This should prevent the problem recurring, whilst still creating step-free access to the church.

The original work was funded by a legacy from long-time Linton resident and church member, Mary Fuller. At the moment the



Terry Sawyer of Bakers of Danbury digging up the porch

Picture by Ron Pitkin

additional work to reconstruct the drains is being funded from church reserves. If you value St Mary's and would like to contribute towards the cost, contact Sue Ellis, the Church Treasurer, on 892257 or sue@mellis.me.uk.

The church is also selling some rather nice nut-brown garden ornaments, shaped rather like a drainpipe.

Andrew Gore, 891970

Can you give blood and save a life ?

THE NHS Blood and Transplant service is asking for donors to give blood on Wednesday 8th April at Linton Community Sports Centre, Linton Village College, Cambridge Road.

There will be two sessions one from 1-3.15pm and the other 4.30-7pm.

It must be stressed that donors need to ring

ahead for an appointment at the number below as donors need to satisfy the requirements of the service before they can give blood.

If you can help call 0300 1232323 for an appointment or visit www.blood.co.uk

LNT

Village Hall AGM

THE Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Trustees will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6th May in the upstairs meeting room.

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
infor.lintonvillagehall@
yahoo.com

Too good for jumble...

SPECIAL offers this month are a garden shed, 6ft x 4ft x 6ft high in good condition; a Barratt Robinson upright piano 53in long x 19in deep x 40in high in teak-coloured wood, with stool; a Dyson DC27 upright vacuum cleaner and a Hitachi FM/AM tuner with 16 presets, in perfect working condition.

Still available are the brand new (flat pack) computer work station 600mm x 450mm with a top and lower retractable shelf; a mattress 1.9m long x 0.9m wide x 0.19m thick (only used for a guest bed); a computer desk/dressing table 97cm long x 48cm wide x 66cm high; the materials and printer cartridges for 88XL for HP Office Jet Pro series; multipack for Epson TO487 Epson stylus photo printers; a new Tefal steam cuisine; a child's snooker table on a frame and 10 stacking metal chairs with black padded back and seats.

The Workmates raised £20 for the Friends of St Mary's church and the three rugs made £15 for the PDSA.

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.

Linton's flying ACE

WHAT better than a talk by an expert on a fascinating subject they know everything about?

Mark Linney did just that in *Demystifying the Airline Pilot*. Mark took us on a flight through his own life, from childhood in Birmingham, introduction to flying through the Air Training Corps (there is a Linton branch) and on to the RAF where he saw action in several war zones. Here he flew Tornados and the Harrier – I remember one dropping outside my lab, during the Gulf War – in perhaps too many actions for such a young pilot. He then took to commercial flying for Virgin where we saw the behind-the-scenes reality of what appears to be a glamorous life. The training, schedules, jetlag, health checks, security, etc. are some of the downsides to stopovers in the Bahamas and Hong Kong. So, why is his favourite airport Heathrow? It means home!

Mark remains an RAF reservist and flies historic aircraft out of Duxford. Linton is beneath a major air route and the holding area for Stansted. Next time you fly, look down on us and think who might be your pilot. Maybe it will be Mark.

The next event will be lunch at 12.30pm on Thursday 23rd April at the Sports Pavilion. It will be St George's Day, so we hope the speaker will reflect a suitable part of English life. Expect flags, friendly company and suitably English food.

ACE events are for older people and all are welcome.

Enid Bald, 891069

Bartlow walk to help church

PREPARATIONS are under way for the Bartlow Walk on Sunday 3rd May and we promise a great day out for all the family. There are four walk options, the 13 and nine mile routes follow the paths trodden in previous years and the six mile option takes the classic route to Ashdon Windmill. The Nature Trail has been converted to a scenic all-ages option of up to 1½ miles. Food, drink and entertainment for all the family are centred at The Paddock in Bartlow. For information on the event, to download sponsorship forms or to register online, go to www.bartlow.org.uk.

Previous articles have described our 2015 causes of Addenbrooke's Palliative Care Team and Linton Health Centre. Our third cause, St Mary's Church, Bartlow, will use the money raised for a project to make its building more useful to the whole community by adding basic hospitality facilities, such as a WC and kitchenette, which will open up the church to a wide range of uses.

You'll see our flyers in the Linton Health Centre and you can also buy our raffle tickets there. If you can't come on the day you can support us by donating on virginmoneygiving.com/bartlowwalk.

Please join us on Bank Holiday Sunday, 3rd May, from 10am (registration from 9.30am) and enjoy a great day out for three very good causes.

Graham Howat, Walk Coordinator

Linton summer workshops

WE appreciate everyone leads a busy life these days so we have put together a programme of one day workshops at LVC for the Summer term. Workshops are a great way of learning a new skill in a short period of time.

For the next term we have on offer, *Floristry, Mosaics, Upholstery and Tai Chi*.

We are putting together a prospectus of business related workshops to include *letter writing, first aid at work, manual handling, basic accountancy* to name but a few.

Our new five week daytime *floristry* courses commence after Easter. Each week you will create beautiful contemporary floral displays to take home.

If you would like to enrol on a course or a workshop please contact us on 891233 or email us at adult.education@lvc.org. Alternatively go to www.lvccommunity.org to download an enrolment form.

Mathew Bailey

Summer courses at Sawston

SAWSTON Village College has enjoyed a successful year so far with our Adult Learning courses. Especially popular this year have been our cookery courses such as *Chocoholics, Mexican Cookery and Pizza making*. We are planning a lot more in the summer term commencing 20th April such as *Cooking for beginners*, and *Dishes from around the World*. A beginners *Photographing the World Around You* course starts on 22nd April.

Courses such as *Tai Chi, Pilates, Fitness Yoga*, and *Pottery* all have spaces left, so if you are interested in any of these please contact us as soon as possible to enrol.

Saturday workshops planned for 16th May include *Family Pizza making, Alexander Technique, Emergency First Aid, Knitting socks on Four Needles*, and another chance to join the *Makeup for over 40s course*, which was very successful in March.

For more information on all our courses visit our website www.sawstonadulted.org or email community@sawstonvc.org or telephone 712424.

Wendy Carpenter, Adult Learning



Exciting happenings at the Heights

AFTER much anticipation and excitement a *new to us* climbing frame has been constructed in our school grounds.

The project began following comments made by pupils and governors in December that playtimes would be further enhanced by some large and engaging play equipment. Construction took place on Saturday 7th March – in fact the whole process very nearly ran into Sunday 8th and the latter stages were completed by van headlights.

Following the pupils' excitement, during the Monday morning assembly, when I briefed the school about the new arrival to our school grounds, I had concerns that all 223 pupils would make a dash for it at first break but mercifully Mr Wilson was able to hold back the crowd and insist on a 10 at a time policy.



Geronimo-o-o-o!

Picture supplied by James Puxley

Feedback from pupils and parents alike has been incredibly positive. Tianna Prudhomme (Yr 3) commented: "I love the climbing because it is so fun." Charlie McKenzie (Yr 4) said: "I'm so excited about playing on it that I cannot wait for playtimes."

My thanks go to Gavin Robinson, Russell Knight, Richard Tooley, Jason Miranda, Mr Waite and Mr Filby who gave up the whole day and evening to get the job done. Thank you also to the diligent group of fence painters who have really spruced up the entrance of the school. Without the enthusiasm and generosity of our local community, the school would not look half as good as it does now.

The school is also indebted to the generosity of Ridgeons who supplied us with all equipment and even a digger, either totally free of charge or at cost price.

With all of your kindness, you have made playtimes at the Heights a very fun and exciting experience.

James Puxley Head Teacher

Young hero saves dad



Georgina Kell, George Lock and Tyler D'Arcy-Jones

Picture supplied by EEAST

TEN-year-old Tyler D'Arcy-Jones has been praised for staying cool and calm in an emergency.

The Linton Heights Junior School pupil called 999 and carefully followed instructions for his dad Lee who was suddenly struck down by a crippling pain following a recent kidney stone operation.

East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust (EEAST) call handler George Lock said "Tyler followed all instructions, reassured his dad and made him comfortable before the ambulance arrived. He was even able to call

his mum Bianca and ensure his two-year-old sister Daisy remained occupied so as not to get upset."

As a surprise during his school's achievement assembly on Friday 13th March, Tyler was presented with an award by EEAST in recognition of his outstanding support and care of a patient in need.

Headteacher James Puxley said "Everybody is very proud of Tyler. He's a fantastic pupil and I am really impressed with his quick-thinking and the level of maturity he showed."

James Davis, Media Officer, EEAST



lintongrantaplaygroup

Pre-school and toddler group
Linton, Cambridgeshire

News and committee members wanted

WOW, what a busy half term we've had. We started the half term activities with a visit from Made2Move Dance School who spent 45 minutes teaching the children some dance moves which they really enjoyed.

We also made a visit to Granta School with a small group of our pre-schoolers, where they enjoyed interacting with the Key Stage 1 students and staff.

With the help of the invaluable parent helpers, we were able to take some children for a walk through the village with our final destination being the Co-operative store, where the children were able to develop and improve their numeracy skills and letter recognition. Many thanks to Nick, the Community Officer, for making this visit possible.

A great time was had by all who attended our Special Persons afternoon tea to celebrate Mother's Day on Friday 13th March. We were thrilled with the number of parents and carers who attended this annual event. Many thanks to those who helped us to raise £51, which is going to be used to purchase our new communication drawers.

We are currently in great need of people to help with our playgroup committee. We need anyone (young or old) with skills such as fundraising, invoicing, publicity, human resources or just enthusiasm. Unfortunately, without a functioning committee, our playgroup cannot continue in its current form. If you have some time to spare and can help, please contact Helen Boffey at rayandhelen@gmail.com or on 891195.

We are now taking bookings for September 2015. We are open Monday to Friday mornings 9am -12noon. Lunch 12-12.30 and Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons 12.30 -2.30pm. Please contact us on 07806 744864 to enquire about spaces and availability or email office@lintongrantaplaygroup.

Karen Thompson Playgroup Leader
Janine Polley Deputy Leader

Linton Infants said a very big thank you

HAPPY Easter to all of you from the staff and children at Linton CE Infant School.

When you receive this issue of the Linton News, the children and staff will be enjoying the Easter break but even though the children are not in, the school remains a hive of activity as the staff prepare for the summer term.

Last term we held our very own Brit Awards, with the children and staff dressing up as their favourite pop stars. You may have seen one of the Fab Four in the Co-op or Madonna walking to school, the stars were very much out in force with Ant and Dec hosting the day for us. The children certainly enjoy these dressing up days and thank you to the parents for creating such fantastic costumes.

We have had many special visitors in church throughout the month of March as we took part in the Bishop of Ely's Lent Challenge where the theme was *A Very Big Thank You*. We started with a service for the invisible members of the school community who help to make the school the special place it is. A special Mother's Day service was held to say thank you for our families and then we invited adults who run groups and members of the community along to say thank you for making Linton such a great place to grow up. Our Lent Challenge finished with an Easter Bonnet parade where the children were challenged to decorate an item of headwear with the theme of Easter.

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.

The children return to school on Tuesday 14th April, refreshed and ready for the learning adventures of the summer term.
Louise Clark, Headteacher

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

It really pays to ask locally.

Dear Editor

I was delighted to receive six local replies to my appeal for cycle maintenance or repair from Ollie Coston 894462 (evenings and weekends) Philip Reed, a cycle mechanic available any time 07507 636169, Trevor Golding 894556 (evenings and weekends) Andy Vellacott 890174, bikeright@avm.me.uk, Phil on 07432 719046 and another who telephoned but unfortunately I have lost the number.

Thank you also to a number of friends and neighbours who offered to help.

If you need help with a local service, please call me on 891602 or email kfrance@profsoundconsult.com. If we don't know of anything readily available, we will put an appeal in the paper. Kate France, Emson's Close

A fond farewell

Dear Friends, Dear Readers,

As the removal van is leaving, we thought we should reach out to the friends we couldn't see and chat with over the last few weeks. This is just to say a big thank you to them and the people of Linton, past, present and future.

Thank you to Linton for welcoming us eight years ago, strengthening our family, our values and our faith. Some may remember the front page of Linton News in January 2009, a year as editor, when I had the privilege to learn more about the people who make Linton a wonderful place to live.

Thanks to the community, clubs, organisations and especially to three important pillars of Linton, pillars that build life on rocks not sand: church, friends and schools.

Best wishes and all the best to Linton News team, it's great. Nathalie, Emma, Julie and Stephane Toussenet

We are really sorry to see Stephane and his family leave the village, they have contributed much to Linton village life, especially Stephane with his stint as LN editor and also his championing and running the Chilford Hall fun run. Just two of the many things he supported. Stephane, we will miss you and your family.
Editor

OUR THANKS

Dear Editor

Thank you to everyone for the fantastic support for the Guides' annual jumble sale both in supplying items and buying on the day. We are delighted to announce that we had a best ever sale on 10th March and raised £550 for the two Linton Guide units. This will make a substantial contribution to our annual capitation fee of £30 for each of the 57 Linton members.

A big thank you to everyone.

Kate France, 891602

New volunteer driver/deliverer required as Vernon retires

MANY thanks to Vernon Boyd, one of our unsung heroes, who every month for the past 12 years has distributed packs of Linton News to the 62 deliverers. Vernon has now decided to retire and we are looking for a volunteer to take his place to deliver throughout Linton with a few drops in Hildersham, Bartlow and Hadstock. This is essentially a voluntary community role but we do pay petrol expenses.

Please contact me 891602 or kfrance@profsoundconsult.com
Kate France

From Eden to orchard



JOANNA CROSBY, an historical pomologist, who kick-started the Trumpington Community Orchard, came to pass on some of her vast knowledge of all things apple to the gardening club on Tuesday 10th March. Her first insight of the evening was to debunk the idea that Eve ate an apple; artists introduced the apple tree into images of Eden as it was familiar to their audience. The Norse legends however do have genuine apples in them as they originate there.

The idea that Romans introduced the apple to Britain was also quashed, as the crab apple has been in the UK since Neolithic times. The UK now has over two thousand varieties of apple and is still keen on breeding new ones, alongside Japan and the USA. All varieties need to be grown from a graft, as apples do not grow true from a pip, which is a shame for anyone, who has eaten a particularly tasty apple and tried to grow its pips.

On Tuesday 14th April, Simon Saggars will present his version of The Good Life – Self Sufficiency. His tips for making our gardens bountiful are sure to bring benefits this summer. We look forward to welcoming both visitors and members alike at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Do please think of the club's plant sale in May as you come across spares in the garden this spring. All donations are very welcome and enable us to fund the village show each year whilst finding local homes for your plants to enjoy. Thank you.

Kirsten Newble,
lgcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk

A designer's creative skills



AT our March meeting Mrs Amanda Sutherland spoke of her life as a designer and running an accessories business.

Her creativity was evident at school where she made earrings for a teacher out of a shoe inner sole.

At fashion college she specialised in textiles and made her own materials on a loom concentrating on embroidery.

Her jobs included working as a buyer at the Royal Opera House, for John Lewis, designing for films, as a wardrobe assistant for stage and television shows such as Eastenders, and worked for one of the big London bridal wear designers. She made many contacts which were very helpful when she went freelance.

Deciding her jobs were not creative enough, she teamed up with a bridal designer and made all the headdresses, sell-

ing at wedding fairs around the country.

She brought along a selection of exquisite jewellery, headdresses and other bridal accessories, mainly made from coke cans and milk cartons and materials she makes herself on a loom. She has even used hair rollers for cuff wear, and looked at a pair of knickers thinking what a great head-dress she could make from them. She also makes hats and ladies neck cravats.

All these items she sells from a craft stall in Cambridge and via her website.

Amanda has now gone into teaching and runs workshops from her house. The most popular being flower bouquets. These can be booked through her website.

Our next meeting, which will be our Annual Meeting, is on 7th April when the talk will be Six Into One Will Go by Fran Saltmarsh.

Sally Proberts 891021

Rotavator help wanted

WOULD you like to help St Mary's church? Have you got a heavy duty rotavator?

If so, would you be willing to lend it to the church on a couple of Saturdays so we can prepare the new pavilion garden for turfing and seeding?

Please contact me if you can help.

Andrew Gore, 891970

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WEEKLY

Seedlings Alternate Mondays 1.15-2.45pm	CC
Whist drive, 7.30pm Mondays	VH
Chestnut baby/toddler group, 9.30-11.30am Mondays	term time CC
Linton Granta football bingo, 7pm Mondays	Pavilion
Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701)	
Play & Stay, Alternate Tuesdays, 9.30-11am	CC
WEA, Tuesdays, 10am term-time	VH
Linton Air Cadets Tue and Fri 7.30-9.30pm (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
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
Linton radio race car club, 6-10pm Wednesdays	VH
Jelly Beans playgroup, 9-11.30am Thursdays	URC
Computer buddies, 2-4pm, Thursdays	Library
Cricket 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

APRIL 2015

1 Linton Reading Group, 8pm	VH (upstairs)
3 Good Friday Service, 10.30am	URC
4 Farmers' Market, 9.30am	LVC
5 Easter Morning Service, 10.30am	URC
7 WI AGM, 7.30pm	VH
8 Community Navigator, 10-12noon	HC
8 Lighthouse, 10.15-12noon	URC
8 Blood Donor Session, 1-3.15pm and 4-7.30pm	LVC
8 Bingo fundraiser for Borneo, 7pm	LVC
9 Linton lunch club, 12 noon	Red Lion
12 Lighthouse, 10.15-12noon	URC
13 Camera club, 7.15pm	CC
14 VIP group, 2pm	Chalklands
14 Gardening club, 7.30pm	VH
15 Cambridge Hearing Help, 9.30-12	HC
16 Parish council meeting, 7.30pm	CC
17 Daytime Book Group, 10.30am	Library
19 Walking group, 11am	Church Lane
19 Messy Church, 2.30pm	St Mary's Church
21 Historical society, 7.30pm	VH
23 ACE's lunch, 12.30pm	Sports Pavilion
24 Music Society Concert, 7.30pm	LVC
28 Annual Parish meeting, 7.30pm	VH

MAY 2015

2 Farmers' Market, 9am	LVC
3 Bartlow Walk from 9.30am	Bartlow Paddock
5 WI, 7.30pm	VH
6 AGM of Village Hall Trustees, 7.30pm	VH (upstairs)

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 (black bin): 13th and 27th April
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PLODDING ALONG An update on police matters

MY name is Chris Wiseman and I am the new police point of contact for the Linton area. I have been a Police Community Support Officer since April 2007. In that time I have served the Sawston area and have built up many contacts.

I hope to bring my experience to Linton and work with much the same methods as I always have. I am taking over from Leanne Fisher who has taken another role within Cambridgeshire Constabulary. I have already made contact with the local schools and have been to some assemblies and have more in my diary.

I hope to meet many of you over the coming summer months.

Regarding crime in this area, the main issues at the moment seem to be break-ins to sheds, outhouses and vehicles. Never leave items on display in your car when unattended and try not to leave anything of great value in your shed, especially if it is remote from your house. In short, protect what you value. Take care and stay safe.

Between 1pm-6pm on 14th February there was a burglary

in Dolphin Close. Offender(s) smashed double-glazed glass in a UPVC door to gain entry. Computer equipment, jewellery and cash were stolen.

There was a burglary between 26th and 27th February at Fairfield Way. Entry was gained by smashing a rear ground floor window, attempts were also made to force the patio doors. A laptop was stolen. If anyone has any information on this crime please call 101 or Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 quoting crime reference CF 0079160215.

There was a dwelling burglary in Palmers Close on Wednesday 18th March. This occurred sometime during the day/early evening. Entry was forced through a kitchen window. An untidy search was carried out and it appears that jewellery was stolen.

It is never nice to report crimes such as these and our thoughts are always with the victim.

Please regularly review your home security, look out for your neighbours and report any suspicious activity in your neighbourhood immediately.
PCSO Chris Wiseman

Congratulations all round at 2523 Linton Squadron ATC

THE 2523 Linton Squadron Air Training Corps (ATC) has had a busy start to 2015. The year began with a presentation evening in front of parents and guests where awards, ranging from attendance to flying, were given to cadets. There were also four promotions. In February Sergeant Smith and Corporals J Durham and S Wheeler passed their Non Commissioned Officers training courses.

During the last two weeks the Squadron has concentrated on classification exams and was pleased to see a total of 21 passes, congratulations all.

In sport Corporal J Godfrey, Cadets L Jane and J Chapman were selected for the Wing hockey team, playing their first regional match in March. Four cadets entered the Wing cross country, all making it into the top 15 in their respective age

groups. Meanwhile, following four months of training, Corporal J Durham has been selected to join the Wing team for the 100 mile Nijmegen march in July. Well done to them all.

Since January 14 cadets have attended Sector Weapons Training. All completed their weapons handling test demonstrating their competence and safety awareness around firearms. Congratulations to Cadet J Chapman who achieved her Squadron Marksman.

Preparations are now under way for the annual Easter Camp.

If you would like more information about joining as a cadet or adult volunteer please check out our website 2523lintonatc.oc.uk or contact Flt. Lt. G. Tennison oc.2523@aircadets.org

Free fire safety seminars for businesses

DO you own or manage a business? Do you know what fire safety laws apply and how to conform to legislation? Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is running free seminars for you to swot up on your knowledge – why not organise one for the businesses in your village?

We hold at least two seminars, lasting about two and a half hours, every month and whether your business runs out of a small industrial unit, is a side-street coffee shop or is a licensed premises, our free workshops will help you better understand important fire safety legislation and may even save you money in the long run.

Seminars start at 10am on the second Tuesday of each month in Cambridge and the third Tuesday of the month in Peterborough, but we can organise them on an ad hoc basis. If there are a number of businesses in one location that would like to attend a seminar, the fire service is keen to accommodate them. To find out more or book a free place on a seminar, call 01733 353206.

Make sure fire safety stays at the front of your mind in April and don't forget to test your smoke alarm. Find out more at www.cambsfire.gov.uk or on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
Leanne Ehren Media and Communication Officer

Fundraising for Borneo expedition

A BINGO night will be held at 7pm on Friday 8th May at Linton Village College hall. Please support fundraising for Naomi Whitfield (a year 10 student at LVC) to go to on a volunteer trip to Borneo with Camps International where she will work with communities in rural Borneo to educate the children, participate in low-level construction in a village and replant the rainforest.

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Custard and splurge guns at Buggy Malone

IT was certainly a night to remember as the splurge guns really got going in Linton Village College's production of *Buggy Malone*. This musical is a play about gangsters set in Chicago during the era of Prohibition. To lighten the story for children, rapid-fire custard-shooting splurge guns replace automatic rifles and sarsaparilla replaces alcohol in the speakeasies. Once splurged, a kid is finished.

Much of the play is set in Fat Sam's speakeasy. Fat Sam (Thomas Harper) introduces himself and the hero Buggy Malone (Travis Parr), a boxing promoter with no money. We learn that Fat Sam has a gang, which is old fashioned and only has custard pies for ammunition, which are no match for a rival gang headed by Dandy Dan (Tom Howard), who have splurge guns.

At Fat Sam's there is singing and dancing, ably done by a group of surprisingly sophisticated young girls in flapper costumes and the speakeasy's spirited saucy singer Tallulah (Zoey Reyes or Daisy Drieu). We meet Blousey Brown (Jessica Last or Chanell Chipps) an aspiring singer of haunting

songs who has come for an audition with Fat Sam hoping to earn her way to Hollywood.

Dandy Dan's gang raids Fat Sam's, steals all the drinks and splurges all the staff except Fizzy (Tom Murray).

Fat Sam pays Buggy money to go to a meeting with Dandy Dan, which turns out to be a trap and Buggy promises to use the money to pay for tickets to get himself and Blousey to Hollywood. The money Buggy earns is stolen but Buggy is saved by Leroy Smith (Max Bartlett) who punches the attackers. Seeing this, Buggy realizes he has found a potentially great boxer.

Fat Sam offers Buggy more money to help find and steal Dandy Dan's guns, which he succeeds in doing aided by a large group of down-and-out workers at a soup kitchen. They return with them to Fat Sam's just as Dandy Dan's gang arrives. Chaos ensues and everyone is covered in custard. Buggy has his money and the girl.

All in all this was an enjoyable evening of dance, song and acting – not forgetting the able assistance of the orchestra.

Fran Armes



Flash Frankie, played by Finlay Charlesworth, is splurged
Picture supplied by Tony Kelly

Men's keep fit - a trim keel or ready to keel over?

ARE you one of those middle-aged men who look to summer with trepidation? Worried about the reality gap between winter excess and idleness and summer sleekness and activity? You're not alone – we've all been there. Linton Monday Men's Keep Fit Club needs extra members. For a small fee (only payable on the weeks you turn up) you can enjoy half an hour in the LVC sports centre fitness room, circuits with the club instructor in the new gym, all followed by team games such as basketball.

"There are lots of reasons to join us and it's difficult to think of a reason to keep putting good health and fitness off", says club treasurer John Thorne. Contact John for details: john_thorne44@btinternet.com or 891952 or just turn up at the sports centre any Monday around 8pm and ask for the club.

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LINTON COUNTRY MATTERS

Text by Katie Cameron from Plantlife and illustrated by Maureen Williams



Help wanted to monitor plant life

THE National Plant Monitoring Scheme, which was launched at the beginning of March, is the first of its kind and asks for volunteers across the United Kingdom to visit a kilometre square local to them and record the plants they find there in several different plots. The scheme will enable us to explore how plants in different habitats are responding to changes in the environment. It is being delivered by a partnership comprising Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland, the Centre for Ecology, Joint Nature Conservation Committee and Plantlife.

Why is it needed?

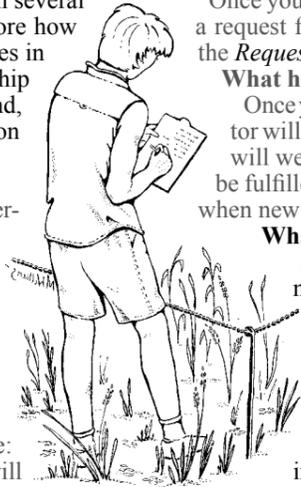
Thanks to volunteers, we have a very good understanding of changes in the populations of birds, butterflies and bats. Plants are the foundation of habitats and ecosystems but currently we do not have a good measure of the changes in plant populations across the country.

Who can take part?

Anyone interested in nature who can identify plants, or who is keen to learn. Different levels of participation ensure that all who are keen can participate: you do not have to be an experienced botanist. You will only need to identify between 25-30 indicator species per habitat. These are distinctive species specially selected to allow us to monitor changes in the countryside.

How to get involved

If you would like to be involved sign up for an account with the NPMS website www.npms.org.uk. Once you have signed up, and are logged into the NPMS page, you will have access to



the *Squares near me* page. This page will allow you to find the squares that are within a certain number of miles from your house. Green squares are still available for surveying.

Once you have explored the available squares in your area, a request for a square can be sent to the coordinator using the *Request a square and create plots* page.

What happens next?

Once you have requested a square, the NPMS administrator will confirm that your request has been successful and will welcome you to the scheme. If your request cannot be fulfilled, you will be put on a waiting list and contacted when new squares become available in your area

What support will volunteers get?

All volunteers registering for a square on www.npms.org.uk will receive a survey pack including survey guidance, a species list and a species guidebook.

All volunteers will be able to access telephone and email support provided by the volunteer coordinator

All volunteers will be able to access free training courses

Additional information

Volunteers are asked to record up to 30 plant species in any one square or linear plot as long as it fits into one of the 28 NPMS habitats

Volunteers carry out the survey of their plots twice a year

Volunteers may be individuals or small groups

For more information mail Katie.Cameron@plantlife.org.uk

Recording for 25 years



The team with microphones, cake and candles

Picture by Mike Crofts

ON Thursday 5th March the Granta Grapevine team celebrated the 25th anniversary of the group with a cake at the end of a session recording the Linton News.

If you know anyone who might like to receive the free monthly recording which is now available on cassette or USB memory stick, please contact the group on 971797 or 893619

Mike Crofts

It's Sawston fun run time

REGISTRATIONS for the Sawston fun run and walk can now be made online or with a downloadable form from the website www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk. Forms are also available from The Cambridge Building Society and Sawston Village College. There are categories by age and gender with entry fees of £5 for entrants in school years 1 to 11 and £10 for adults of 17 years and over.

The event engages with a wide cross section of the local community and has already donated over £397,000 to local good causes. The organisers, the Rotary Club of Cambridge Sawston District, aim to raise at least another £15,000.

As well as the traditional 7.5K (4.7 mile) course there will be a short route of 4.0K (2.5 miles) for walkers, small children and those wanting to accompany them.

The beneficiaries include the deserving local charity Tom's Trust, set up in 2011 as a legacy to Tom Whiteley, who died aged nine of a brain tumour. Others to benefit are many youth organisations and schools in and around Sawston, the complete list is on the website.

The Cambridge Building Society is the event sponsor and other sponsors are: Adams Harrison, Bradshaws, Budgens Sawston; Gibbs Denley Insurance Services; McDonald's, Morgan Sindall; Ridgeons Group; Scotsdales, Vindis Sawston and Sawston Parish Council.

We hope that many will enter and we wish everyone a great time on the 10th May.

Tony Collett

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What is the diameter?

THE length of the diameter AB of a circle is a two digit whole number. Reversing the digits gives the length of a perpendicular chord CD. The distance from their intersection point H to the centre O is a positive rational number (ie. expressed as a fraction). Determine the length of the circle's diameter.

Solution to 120- Find the distance

The distance from centre to the junction $C = \sqrt{26}$

Urania

NEWS IN BRIEF

Easter egg-citement at Wandlebury

LOCAL charity Cambridge Past, Present & Future (CambridgePPF) has lots of egg-citing things planned to keep children occupied this Easter holiday up at Wandlebury Country Park. Take part in the charity's annual Easter Fun Day for all the family on 4th April – including a little egg-cercise when hunting for chocolate eggs. Alternatively, try our archery taster session on 7th April or navigate Wandlebury's pathways during an orienteering morning on 8th April. Garden wildlife enthusiasts can also enjoy expert talks and walks at a Garden Wildlife Day on 11th aimed at all the family.

For more information go to bookings@cambridgeppf.org or call 243830 extension 207 or www.cambridgeppf.com

Natalie Yates

Balsham Save the Children quiz

THERE will be a Quiz Night in aid of Save the Children at 7.30pm on Friday 11th April at Balsham Church Institute. Tickets are just £8. To register your team's table (maximum of eight), or to join a team please call Jenny Richards on 665260, Nita Miller on 893250 or me on 894237. Bring your own drinks; glasses will be provided. Light refreshments.

Lynne Taylor

Hildersham News

THANK you for your support at the *Fair Necessities Tea* held on 5th March at Hildersham Village Hall. Your donations raised £84.50 for the Fair Necessities Fund. This will be doubled by the government to make a substantial contribution to the work of Fairtrade. This was the first joint venture for Fairtrade by Hildersham and Linton villages and we hope this won't be the last. Thank you to Anna McMahon for all her support not to mention the sterling work with the teapot.

We'd like to thank the Linton News for advertising the quiz on 20th March and the Linton villagers for their great support in making up four teams and one of them was the winner!

The next teatime will be held on Thursday 2nd April – an Easter tea, so come prepared for Hot Cross Buns.

The next Hildersham Lecture will take place at 7.30pm on 24th April at Hildersham Church when David Abson from the Cambridgeshire Bee-keepers' Association will give a talk entitled *A Taste of Honey*. Tickets will include refreshments, which may indeed have a taste of honey. For further information please contact me.

Cathy Myer 892848 catherinemyer43@btinternet.com

Former GP at 67 strides out

I AM a retired GP who worked at Linton Health Centre for 28 years. At the age of 67 I am running my first marathon – the London marathon – on April 26th with Saffron Striders in aid of a charity called PHASE which provides support to health care, teaching and livelihoods to various locations in the world. In this case the location is the rural villages in the remote Himalaya of Nepal where there are conditions of great deprivation and isolation and the villages receive little support from central government. For more information about PHASE go to www.phaseworldwide.org. If you want to sponsor me, my giving page is <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/> JamesLaurenceHewlett

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The Derbyshire Post



NOW that my own office is housed in such a modern part of the school building it is far too easy to forget that LVC is nearly 80 years old.



The Oates organ

Picture supplied by Caroline

I was reminded of this fact last week by the arrival of a letter from the Manager of West Road Concert Hall at Cambridge University. The unexpected subject of the letter was a chamber organ, built by John Snetzler, which once stood in our school hall on the left-hand side of the stage. Apparently the college still owns it because it was given to West Road on a permanent loan basis back in 1967. It is rather a beautiful thing but now very fragile and because of its condition it has not been played for a decade.

The organ has quite a history. It was once owned by Captain Titus Oates of "I might be some time" Antarctic exploration fame. There is a plaque to this effect on the side of the organ. It was bought from the Oates family by friends of the village college for Mr Edwin Swannell who was head of music and then warden here between the late 1930s and mid 1960s. Now that it is so delicate the university would like us to take it back. This idea has got our imaginations racing ahead: what if we could get it restored and playable for one last concert? What if that could, in some way, be tied into our 80th birthday celebrations? I will keep you posted. Still, it has brought a whole new meaning to the phrase *organ donor* for us.

Caroline Derbyshire, Principal

Named among top 100 schools

LINTON Village College has been named in the top 100 state-funded schools in England based on results in the English Baccalaureate last year.

Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for School Reform at the Department for Education, has written to the college to offer his congratulations. The English Baccalaureate measures success in the core academic subjects of English, Maths, Science, History or Geography and Modern Languages. Last year 55% of students at LVC gained grade C or above in these subjects – the best result of any school in Cambridgeshire or Suffolk.

"These subjects reflect the knowledge and skills young people need to progress to further study or to rewarding employment. I would like to congratulate the staff, governors and pupils for all their hard work," wrote Mr Gibb.

"The college has always been commended for the breadth of its curriculum and the high achievement of its children. To be in the top 100 schools in the country makes us very proud and is a credit to the staff team who work so hard to make LVC the fantastic school that it is," said principal Caroline Derbyshire.

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S/0639/15/LD. Mr & Mrs Berry, 19 Emsons Close. Lawful development certificate for proposed dormer window.

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The Way We Were

by Garth Collard

Linton before the Second World War

MR Edwin Swannell, the head of music, was the second warden of the village college, and longest serving from 1939 to 1964.

The new village college was not popular with everyone, especially the clergy in the local villages who resented the loss of church control over schooling. In 1939 the newspapers were full of letters criticising the new Linton Village College. The Vicar of Balsham, the Rev Walter Williams was especially critical.

Early in May 1939 Balsham Village College pupils used catapults to deface a poster of Christ hanging in the church porch. The vicar's letter was aggressive, yet interesting. He wrote: "Notwithstanding the astounding sums allocated to education, I defy anyone to prove that the children of today know as much as those in the days of the village schoolmaster, or have anything like the discipline or manners, in spite of the white palatial sepulchres, miscalled colleges." Please note that the colleges used white brick. "The village school masters took a delight in



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instilling patriotism, religion and common decency. Children then knew the value of the three Rs. Since the establishment of the village college, the behaviour of pupils over 11 years has rapidly deteriorated. The moral influence of the resident schoolmaster has been removed. Pupils now return in uncontrolled bus loads to employ their spare time and holidays without the responsible leadership of the village schoolmaster."

Most letters agreed with the vicar and the tone of the letter was very representative of the hostility of the church to

children over 11 being removed from church control to the control of the county council.

After the collapse of the Munich agreement, the country spent much of 1939 preparing for war, especially air raids. Linton Red Cross organised courses in first aid, anti-gas measures and the use of shelters. The Red Cross also operated ambulances, sometimes using tradesmen's vans to ferry casualties to the first aid centres.

Sport was very popular in the village and in April 1939 Linton Granta won the county football challenge trophy beat-

ing March Town 2-1 in the final. The cup was displayed in Holtum's shop window.

The tennis club was also very active and won the Cambridge challenge shield in January 1939. The courts were at 40 Symonds Lane, in the garden of Mr Samuel's house.

Not to be outdone, in a county exhibition for butchers in February 1939 Mr Leonard Culling of Linton won a bronze medal and diploma for his pork pies.

The village college organised agricultural lectures to help food production. A new horticultural society set up in November 1938 helped to distribute seeds – especially seed potatoes – to allotment holders and gardeners.

Thousands of acres of grass land were ploughed up for arable farming and in Linton the village college bowling green was used for potato production, and pigs were raised by the pupils and staff.

Fattened pigs were sold on the open market and some were used for school meals in the college, a new innovation introduced by Mr Swannell.

We will remember them

Private Harry Morley 24.04.15

HARRY MORLEY was born in 1882, the son of Edward and Frances. Prior to the war, he lived in The Rookery with his five brothers and worked as a farm labourer in both Linton and Hildersham.

Harry entered France on the 16th January 1915; he was a member of the 1st Battalion Suffolk Regiment. The Battalion had been sent to support the Canadians, during the second Attack on Ypres. The regiment headed towards Fortuin, when they were ordered to stop the enemy's advance at all costs. Sadly they were stopped by heavy fire (possibly friendly fire) along the Zonnebeke Road and many men including Harry were killed in action. Harry is commemorated on the Menin Gate, Belgium.

Esther Cornell, esther@lintonatwar.or

Wandlebury update

The group of friends of Wandlebury, with 163 members of Cambridge Past Present and Future (CPPF), are still waiting for an EGM to be called. If CPPF have not called an EGM within three weeks of one being demanded, the members who seek an EGM can legally call one themselves. LNT

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Parish Council Matters

Speedwatch volunteer scheme

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

THE Speedwatch scheme allows the public to get actively involved in monitoring the speed of vehicles travelling through their neighbourhood. It is used in areas where speeding has become identified as a problem in their village or community and identified as a priority at quarterly police neighbourhood panel meetings.

The scheme is run by the police force alongside the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Road Safety Partnership. It is about educating motorists in the law in relation to speeding and monitoring any trends in speeding in neighbourhoods.

Volunteers are trained to use the speed indicator devices which display the speed of the vehicle. The registered owner of any vehicle seen exceeding the speed limit is sent an advisory letter from their local police team, explaining that speeding is unacceptable in the local community.

There has been a number of complaints by residents of excessive speed through the village, particularly through the High

Street, Horseheath Road Hadstock Road and the 20mph zone. Linton parish council is keen to recruit volunteers to set up a Speedwatch volunteer team to monitor speed in various parts of the village. There is no minimum time required but sufficient hours are required to make the scheme viable. Full training is given and safety equipment provided by the local neighbourhood police team. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or have any questions please contact the parish clerk by email or phone at the parish council office to register your interest. Further information can also be found at <http://www.cambs.police.uk/roadsafety/speedwatch>

20mph speed limit sign in the High Street



Picture by Marilyn Strand

In the first instance please contact the parish council - see contact box below right.

Cllr Brian Manley

Annual parish meeting

Tuesday 28th April 2015

THE annual parish meeting is to take place on Tuesday 28th April at 7.30pm in the village hall. The annual parish meeting is not a council meeting, it is a meeting of the parish electorate.

The purpose of this meeting is for the parish council to communicate and explain its various involvements over the last year. It also enables the electors to have their say on anything which they consider is important to the people of Linton. The council will review its activities from the previous

12 months, and will also present its audited and unaudited accounts for the year.

Local groups who received a charitable grant from the parish council in 2014 will be invited, so that they can report on what they used the money for. Also invited will be the successful applicants who have been awarded grants in 2015, and their cheques will be presented at the meeting.

All are welcome, please come along - your attendance would be appreciated.

Parish council

Facebook

FACEBOOK is already being used widely within the village with many of our local businesses and services signing up in order to market and promote their offerings.

It has been proposed by Cllr Miller that a parish council Facebook page could be extremely beneficial for both the council and the villagers whom

we serve.

The Linton parish council Facebook page intends to provide information and updates regarding activities and opportunities within Linton parish. The Facebook page would be used as a virtual notice board and would include posting alerts, links to reports and minutes, notices of events,

agendas, links to website items and updates on projects and achievements to name but a few.

For issues that require attention under a short timeframe (such as planning applications and extraordinary meetings) a wider audience could be reached using social media platforms.

It is anticipated that the page will be live very shortly so please keep an eye out for us and stop by and give us a 'like' so that any information posted to the page can be immediately shared with you on your news feed. Just search for 'Linton parish council' on Facebook or use the following link <https://www.facebook.com/lintonpc>

Cllr Nicola Miller

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Neighbourhood Plan update

RESULTS of the Linton and Hildersham Parish Councils' first public consultation on the joint Neighbourhood Plan are as follows:

Question: Do I think this policy area (five follow) should form an essential part of a Neighbourhood Plan for my village?

Location and type of housing developments:

- Strongly agree 84 (90%) Agree 7 (8%)
- Strongly disagree 2 (2%)

Strengthening of measures to protect the appearance, character and heritage of the two villages:

- Strongly agree 77 (83%) Agree 16 (17%)

Improvement of road safety conditions for pedestrians and vehicles:

- Strongly agree 77 (82%) Agree 17 (18%)

Encouraging the use of public spaces such as allotments, footpaths

and recreation grounds:

- Strongly agree 60 (64%) Agree 34 (36%)

Reinforcement of environmental measures to support biodiversity and local agriculture and also make the villages safe (eg flood protection):

- Strongly agree 71 (76%) Agree 22 (24%)

A total of 94 questionnaires were returned however not all questions were answered. Thank you to all who took the time to respond and for the valuable comments made.

The next stage is to form five working groups of local residents to gather the evidence and consult further with villagers on one of the five policy areas. Each working group will then make detailed recommendations for one of the five main policy areas. Ideally each working group will have five or six members with a special interest in their particular policy area, although everyone

is welcome to take part.

The working groups would probably need to meet every few weeks and will have the support of the Neighbourhood Plan project manager (Sue Parry), an experienced planning consultant (Corrie Newell) and when needed further advice from South Cambridgeshire district council and members of Linton parish council. This is a real opportunity to make a lasting and important contribution to the future of Linton and Hildersham at a key moment.

If you would like to find out more please make contact by emailing: projectadministrator@btconnect.com

Many thanks to residents who have already expressed an interest; Linton parish council will be contacting you shortly.

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton parish council (LPC/PC) meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 12th February 2015.

Present: Cllr Enid Bald (EB)(chairman); Cllr Paul Poulter (PP)(vice-chairman); Cllr Simon Hill (SH); Cllr Brian Manley (BM); Cllr Graham Potter (GP); Cllr Jan Bumstead (JB); Cllr Nicola Miller (NM); Cllr Merrie Mannassi (MM); Cllr Beatrice Ward (Dr)(BW). Cllr Alison Walker (AW); Cllr David Champion (DC). Clerk: Marilyn Strand. Members of the public: one (Kate France, press).

Apologies for absence: Cllr Dr Brian Cox; Cllr Jacque Wilson; district & county Cllr Roger Hickford and district Cllr Henry Batchelor.

Councillors' declarations of interest: SH declared a personal interest in the allotments item. MM and DC declared a non-pecuniary interest in the correspondence village hall item as trustees.

Chairman's comment: Linton's PCSO, Leanne Fisher, has informed us that she will be taking on a new role within the police force from the beginning of February. Leanne has done a tremendous job as PCSO for seven villages and we would like to thank her and wish her well for the future. A letter of appreciation will be sent to Leanne on behalf of everyone on the PC.

The ATC awards evening held at Linton village college had been well attended. The ATC is to be congratulated for a job well done, and for its continuing work with local young people who enjoy the exciting activities laid on for them.

Possible dates to hold markets have been submitted to the PC for agreement and it is good to see these markets becoming a village institution.

Matters arising/clerk's report: The clerk highlighted various letters which had been sent on the PC's behalf to residents. BW asked if it is within the PC's remit to write directly to residents on issues such as overgrowing vegetation on footpaths. GP stated that such matters should be referred to Cambridgeshire county council (CCC) or South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC). The clerk will check on this and report back to the next meeting.

District & county councillors' reports and business: (a) Cllr Henry Batchelor had sent a report which had been circulated before the meeting and this was noted. With regards to health care services, AW asked if the extra £20million in funding had already been earmarked for particular services such as services for children or the elderly, or whether this was to top up the general healthcare fund. The clerk will ask Cllr Batchelor to feedback to the PC on this matter at its next meeting.

(b) Cllr Roger Hickford had sent a report which had been circulated before the meeting and this was noted. EB said that she is unhappy that the Greater Cambridge City Deal referred to the 'A1307 corridor' demoting Linton, and other villages, to simply a means for traffic to go from one place to another. EB also stated that Haverhill should have considered the impact of its development on the road rather than allowing its lack of infrastructure and the subsequent problems to affect villages adjacent to it.

Insurance policy: It was proposed by GP that the PC accept Zurich's quotation for £5,577.56 for insurance for the coming year and this was seconded by PP. Councillors voted nine in favour with one abstention and the proposal was carried.

Appointment of committee representatives: The clerk confirmed that current Standing Orders do not include direction on the composition of the PC's sub-committees.

Street lighting: Since the PC's last meeting, Keeley Russell (Balfour Beatty) had provided some clarification on the options available regarding heritage lighting, and these were read out by EB. BM stated that he was not in favour of spending such a large amount of money on providing heritage lighting and proposed that the PC leave the newly installed columns in place at no cost. This was seconded by AW. Councillors voted eight in favour with two abstentions and the proposal was carried.

BW asked if a letter could be written to Balfour Beatty who, she said, had been very unhelpful throughout this process. BW also stated that the consultation with the PC had been unfair. It

was agreed, however, that such a letter should be sent to CCC (and in particular those managing the PFI contract) and this will be drafted by BW and MM.

DC joined the meeting at 8:04pm.

Swan bridge: Three quotations for painting the Swan bridge and railings have now been received and it was agreed to consider these in the confidential part of the meeting.

Trees: (a) It was proposed by BW that the Poplar tree near the Cathodeon Centre be felled as recommended by SCDC's tree officer and this was seconded by NM. All agreed.

It was proposed by BW to remove the concrete bollards and wire fencing from the Beech hedge at the Cathodeon Centre using the PC's handyman and this was seconded by NM. Councillors voted nine in favour with two abstentions and the proposal was carried. (b) Following tree survey reports from Hayden's Arboricultural Consultants, it was proposed by BW and seconded by JB that urgent tree works and other works recommended by Hayden's be carried out. All agreed. (c) It was agreed that trees on Rivey Lane are the responsibility of SCDC and a letter will be sent to Ian Lorman asking him to have the trees inspected for safety.

Local handyman services: (a) A list of jobs for consideration had been circulated before the meeting. It was proposed by PP that all jobs listed should be progressed and this was seconded by SH with the following notes: 1) Waste bins to be replaced as needed according to condition. (The waste bin near the pavilion also needs moving.) 2) The current picnic table at the venture playground needs replacing in addition to providing a new one. 3) Check for nesting hedgehogs before clearing this debris. 4) The dead Birch tree should be dealt with by professional tree specialists. All agreed.

Cemetery matters: It was proposed by MM that vases be allowed on two graves in the cemetery, at no cost, as requested by the families of the deceased, and this was seconded by JB. All agreed.

Traffic matters: (a) BM and DC had attended the A1307 meeting for parish councils on 2nd February. BM reported that there had been general agreement at the meeting that bypassing Linton would be one way forward; this could leave the village open to large scale development. EB noted that the SHLAA development submissions had been rejected mainly due to the A1307 and traffic issues. A park & ride site was discussed and it was agreed that siting this at Fourwentways would not save traffic coming through Linton. A park & ride nearer to Haverhill would be much more beneficial but this would not be supported by City Deal. In this case, however, if a bus lane was not installed a park & ride would simply increase traffic for Linton rather than alleviate it. The A1307 traffic report is due out in April. PP reported on funding routes for new road links through LEP, City Deal, etc, was unlikely and would have to be borne through the development of a major settlement in this area.

Following information received from Steve Thulborn at CCC, it was proposed by BM that the Co-op signage should remain as it is, this was seconded by MM. Councillors voted nine in favour with two abstentions and the proposal was carried. (b) Disability, Access and Safety project, EB proposed that the PC consult with CCC and obtain quotations to carry out this work and the proposal was seconded by AW. Councillors voted 10 in favour with one abstention and the proposal was carried.

AW proposed that the PC proceed, subject to cost, with installing 'dummy' gates at the entrance to the village to discourage speeding, and this was seconded by DC. Councillors voted 10 in favour and one against and the proposal was carried.

Communications matters (procedures review group PRG): (a) EB had sent a report on the PRG meeting held on 3rd February and this was noted and accepted. (b) NM had sent a report on LPC's proposed Social Media policy and Facebook page and this was noted. NM stated that she believes creating a PC Facebook page would enable LPC to engage with a wider range of people, particularly young people who may not read the Linton News or noticeboards. NM had also drafted a Social Media policy and it was agreed that this should be adopted before going live with

the Facebook page. A small working party will look at the policy more closely and present it to the PC.

The PC's website is to be updated and PP and NM will take this forward.

A list of deadlines for 2015/16 for monthly PC Matters articles was circulated. It was agreed to decide each month who would produce articles for the following month's publication.

Update on the Neighbourhood Plan (NP): PP reported that a meeting had taken place between SCDC's Alison Talkington (senior planning policy officer) and Kathryn Hawkes (development officer) and representatives from LPC and Hildersham PC (HPC). The meeting had been very helpful and both officers are sympathetic to the planning issues faced by Linton and Hildersham. A new Service Level Agreement has been issued by SCDC and this will be brought to the next meeting for approval and adoption.

The response to the LPC/HPC's first NP consultation paper had been good with over 100 papers returned. The results are being collated and will be published as soon as possible.

Update on allotments: EB had circulated a report on the PC's meeting with the Diocese and this was noted. The Linton allotment association (LAA) has now formally asked permission for soil testing to take place on the land and the PC supports this. It was reiterated that the purchase of land for allotments, whilst wholly supported by the PC, is entirely dependent on obtaining a public works loan as LPC cannot underwrite this purchase. The LAA will need to produce a business plan before any such loan is applied for.

Correspondence received for consideration: (a) Village hall trustees - PC office rental increase and use of upstairs meeting room charges from 1st March 2015. It was proposed by BM to accept the increase in rent and to offer to pay a flat monthly fee of £50 per month for use of the upstairs meeting room and this was seconded by PP. All agreed (DC and MM abstained due to their declared interest.)

(b) Wicksteed inspection report and request to continue routine quarterly inspections. It was proposed by GP and seconded by PP to continue with routine inspections by Wicksteed. All agreed.

(c) Mr Puxley, headteacher, Linton Heights junior school - request for funding for improvements to the swimming pool. It was proposed by PP and seconded by NM that £650 be given to the school as this is the amount the PC has remaining in its s137 grant fund. All agreed.

(d) Linton Granta football club - request to purchase heated outside key box to store defibrillator as well as or instead of contribution towards the defibrillator itself. It was proposed by NM and seconded by AW that LPC would pay for the heated outside key box at a cost of no more than £525. Councillors voted 10 in favour with one abstention and the proposal was carried.

(e) Cathodeon Centre trustees' secretary - request to change postal address of the centre. It was agreed that changing the postal address of the Cathodeon Centre from High Street to Horseheath Road would be of practical benefit to its visitors and in particular, those using satellite navigation to find it. Proposed by NM and seconded by PP. All agreed.

(f) Wicksteed Playgrounds - annual safety inspection of playground equipment. It was agreed not to proceed with an annual inspection by Wicksteed Playgrounds as the PC's insurance provider, Zurich, will carry this out as usual.

(g) Honest Employment Law Practice - confirmation of receipt of human resources documents.

(h) Cllr David Lissemore - resignation from the PC. The chairman stated that the PC was very sorry to have received Cllr Lissemore's resignation, as he was such an active member with a positive impact on LPC work. Cllr Lissemore had served on the PC for a year but personal circumstances meant that he would be unable to continue. The chairman added her thanks to Cllr Lissemore for his hard work and dedication to serving the village, and wished him well for the future.

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