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Hurray The Three Hills pub is open again



The new front of The Three Hills

Picture by Roger Lapwood FOR some time, residents of Bartlow and surrounding villages have been anxiously awaiting the reopening of The Three Hills pub. The old pub closed almost two years ago and the Bartlow Village Association considered purchasing it with the help of the Plunkett foundation. The difficulty was in getting funding for a village pub with a small local trade.

In the end the current owners Chris and Sarah Field heard about it and underwrote the project.

Director, Emma Harrison, was appointed by the Fields and had to plough through many planning requirements and building projects to get the pub up and running in about 20 months.

The pub is a 17th century building with some extensions and a separate B&B guesthouse.

As you enter the main building you notice the clean lines and modern decoration of the pub but with the cosy warmth of underfloor heating. The bar area is still the original, retains the old beams and fireplaces but with unfussy decor. To the right is a new library where you can sit and relax in comfort.

At the rear of the building is a light and airy orangery restaurant area built in the New-England style. This overlooks the landscaped gardens, the outside seating and the barbeque.

The pub now has a bed and breakfast business with six rooms (two in the main building, four in the guesthouse) which draws in trade from afar and helps support the new restaurant and bar. All bedrooms are ensuite with modern décor and the two in the main building have the original feature beams.

The restaurant, run by General Manager Moz Lotter, aims at contemporary English food, however Emma says people are welcome to drop in for a coffee or a pint and parties of walkers can be catered for by arrangement. There will be barbecues in the summer. Dogs are welcome - though not in the restaurant.

Fran Armes

Speedway Sam



Granta and Shelford Medical Practices proposed merger

bedrock of the NHS but needs to adapt to be able to meet both current and future needs of our populations.

Nationally there is already a significant shortfall in GP numbers and this is going to get worse. With an aging population health care needs are more complex and patients are attending the surgery much more frequently than in the past.

Put simply the traditional general practice, which has worked so well for so long, is no longer able to service patient needs. Government policy is that only large general practices will get access to new funding streams. Without this additional resource patient care will suffer.

The GPs of both Granta Medical Practices (Barley, Royston, Linton and Sawston) and Shelford Health Centre believe that the best option for maintaining and improving services for our patients is through coming together to form a single practice. At present the practices are consulting on this proposed merger. We are keen to seek views of all those who might be affected.

The practice teams already work very closely together. We believe that by coming together the existing services provided to our patients will not just be more sustainable but that we will be

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Success at last for the Turners



Paul and Nikki

Photo by Sarah Hurcum

PAUL and Nikki Turner of Bakers Lane have finally won justice from HBOS and Lloyds after suffering a scam run by Lynden Scourfield, a corrupt senior banker at HBOS and five other men (we reported this in the March issue of the Linton News).

Scourfield forced customers to use a turnaround consultancy firm, Quayside Corporate Services (QCS) and then took control of their businesses, emptied their accounts and authorised huge loans, which they could never hope to repay. The scam defrauded customers out of many millions of pounds.

Scourfield was dismissed in 2007 for gross misconduct but

THE NHS is changing rapidly. General Practice remains the able to add new services, enabling improved care in our practices. A merger also facilitates the hoped-for integration of community nursing and support teams with the practices as part of the nationally recognised Primary Care Home model of integrated care.

There is no suggestion of, or intention to, shut any of the surgeries down nor to stop providing core general practice consultations from each site. Some administrative and specialist services may be delivered from a single location.

Already the Granta merged practices are better placed to retain and recruit clinical staff than many surrounding practices, ensuring high levels of continued service despite the national shortage of doctors and nurses in primary care.

Shelford and Granta Medical Practices are committed to providing the best possible care for our patients within the NHS system.

We are keen to evolve to remain as relevant for our community in the next half century as we have been since the foundation of the NHS. Together, with some 44,000 patients, we will be big enough to deliver modern healthcare while remaining small enough to care and be responsive to our patient needs.

If you have any queries please contact:

Sandra East Administration & Communications Manager Shelford Medical Practice T. 01223 843661 sandra.east@nhs.net

Oh not again!

LINTON High Street was shut for a time after vandals smashed up the front of the Co-op with a hatchet.

Three men raided the Co-op on the High Street at 3.30am on 30th November. They smashed a window and made off with a haul of cigarettes.

Later that day no traffic was being allowed through the High Street, causing mayhem for commuters travelling by bus and car.

The manager Linda Davill said she was disappointed that thieves had once again targeted the Co-op. However she complimented her great team for clearing up the mess the thieves left behind in record time. Several of the staff had come in in their own time to help.

Fran Armes



Let the mud fly Photo supplied by Claire Norris

LINTON junior Grasstrack and Speedway rider, Sam Norris, has enjoyed a very successful season, his first riding 250cc Jawa motorcycles. He competed in 15 grasstrack meetings, coming second in the ACU British youth championships in October and only finished outside the top two on two occasions.

Sam has also had marked improvement at Speedway racing, taking part in pre-home meeting races at Rye House and Lakeside speedway circuits during this season. Sam has secured a place for next year at both these circuits, riding for the Hagon Shocks youth academy team. Grasstrack and speedway racing at this level is very expensive and we are looking for sponsorship for the 2018 season, so if any local companies can assist we would love to hear from you. Please see Facebook page Sam Norris #7. email christophernorris167@btinternet.com

for many years both HBOS and Lloyds Banking Group denied the fraud happened and repeatedly tried to evict Paul and Nikki from their home.

However, with sheer determination Paul and Nikki amassed over 100,000 documents evidencing the fraud.

Earlier this year Scourfield and five other men were convicted at Southwark Crown Court of defrauding customers out of £245 million and now face lengthy terms of imprisonment.

Now Lloyds has apologised to the Linton couple and awarded them an undisclosed sum in compensation for their significant hardship and distress.

It has been a long hard fight for Paul and Nikki who have suffered much hardship in the last ten years. They are so grateful for the brilliant help of all their relatives and friends in the village which has helped them to survive that period.

A new chapter in their lives is that the Imaginarium company is to make a film of the saga. The director will be Andy Serkis who was the voice of Gollum in the Lord of the Rings, the producer will be Jonathan Cavendish who produced the Bridget Jones Diary films and the screen writer for the film will be Bill Nicholson who wrote Gladiator and the screenplay for Les Miserables.

We hope they have a good Christmas this year and many happy vears to come.

Too good for jumble

THIS time a four foot high artificial green Christmas tree is immediately available as well as the 15in high white pottery vase with black stripes, a Sony CD/DVD player (doesn't record) Model no DVP-NS585P, and a Technics direct drive turntable Model SL-DD33.

If you have an item to profit a charity, please contact Kate France on 891602 or email kfrance@profsoundconsult com

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

Fran Armes

Claire Norris



A Happy New Year to you all from the staff and children at Linton **CE Infant School**

I AM writing this before the were presented with a cheque Christmas performances have taken place but I am sure that the children delighted many with their singing, dancing and telling of the Christmas story. The stage we now have just adds to the excitement of performing for the children.

Our Christmas performances are always so well supported and we also use this opportunity to raise money for a chosen charity. Thank you everyone for your support and generosity.

The children were served a delicious Christmas lunch, many thanks to our kitchen staff who work hard all year round and even Father Christmas made time in his busy schedule to visit the children, bringing gifts for each class.

At the end of November, we



WHAT a busy run up to Christmas we have had.

We've had Movie Tuesdays to give parents the chance to do

We were thrilled to hear that we had been selected to be one of the Co-op's chosen charities.

some Christmas themed dancing with the children which they all thoroughly enjoyed.

production which was lovely to see. A big thank you goes out to all the parents and carers who came to watch this, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. We even had a very special visit from the big man himself - Father Christmas.

you all have a good New Year.

Career aspirations at the Heights

AT the end of November, a careers fair was held for the Year 5 and 6 pupils at Linton Heights. The aim of the afternoon was to raise aspirations of our pupils by having professionals come in and show them how they apply knowledge they learned at school to their everyday working life. It was also to understand what training was required to prepare the children for certain careers.

A whole host of parents and community members gave up their time to speak to our children, including doctors, researchers, biologists, a midwife, a police officer, a fire officer, a pilot and a chemist.

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community would be interested in participating in similar events in the future, please could they contact the school office on 892210.

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you and the Co-op for supporting us. This sum, along with a donation from the PTFA, has enabled us to purchase a further ten iPads for the children to use as part of their learning.

for £2,054 from the Co-op as

It was lovely to meet so many parents who are considering Linton Infants as the school for their child to attend in September 2018.

The admissions window closes on 15th January, any applications made after this date will not be processed until May 2018.

Kelly Harries, Headteacher

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Linton, Cambridgeshin

their Christmas shopping.

Natalie the dance lady from Made 2 Move came in and did

The children gave a fantastic performance at their Christmas

Thank you to you all for your continued support and we hope

The Linton Granta Playgroup team

William in Year 5 was in-

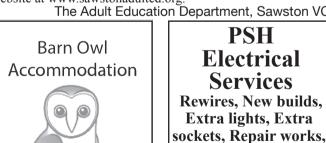
gences and stress. This January we have some excellent courses starting: Fitness Yoga, Tuesdays, 8pm – 9pm Indian Dance, Wednesdays, 7pm – 8.10pm Pilates Improvers, Wednesdays, 7pm – 8pm Pilates Mixed ability, Wednesdays, 8pm – 9pm Tai Chi – Beginners, Mondays 8pm – 9pm Tai Chi – Improvers Mondays 6.30pm – 8pm

If members of the Linton

Tap Dance for Fun and Fitness, Mondays 7pm – 8pm We would very much like to hear from you if there's something you can teach which you think might enthuse others. Also, please get in touch if there is something you would like to learn which is not currently being provided. If you have any enquiries or wish to make a booking please

feel free to pop in at the Adult Education reception Monday to Friday, 9am to 1pm during term. Alternatively telephone us on 712424 or email community@sawstonvc.org, or check out our website at www.sawstonadulted.org

The Adult Education Department, Sawston VC



chestnut playgroup welcomes the Solarek piano trio THE fascinating Clara, Robert Schumann and Brahms triangle is Linton portrayed through readings of letters between the three composers

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For more details regarding a course or workshop or if you

Margaret Kiddy, Adult Education and Lettings Manager

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courses are going to be popular after all the Christmas indul-

January has arrived and we think our fitness and wellbeing

would like an enrolment form please contact us on 891233 Ext

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Saturday 3rd February 2018.

Sweet Talk News or on the door.

WE hope everyone has had a wonderful Christmas and is looking forward to the adventures that 2018 will bring.

Chestnut Playgroup has a very community orientated approach to learning.

We recognise that we operate out of a community building, the Cathodeon Centre. and have a wonderful garden that is not only enjoyed by the children who attend playgroup but also the wider community.

We love going out and about to visit the people and places that Linton has to offer and also welcome in visitors to talk to the children, play with them and pass on knowledge and skills.

We are always on the hunt for new challenges and experiences, so if you have any

January 2018 **Chestnut Playgroup** wishes you a Happy New Year

> special knowledge or interest you would like to share with the children, please do get in touch with our Administrator, details below.

> Places are available for this academic year for children from two years to school age. Our opening hours are 9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday. We offer a range of morning, lunch and afternoon sessions to suit your family's needs.

> We are also accepting children who qualify for extended hours funding and can offer this up to the 27.5 hours a week that we are open. Please contact our Administrator to arrange a visit or for further information. admin@chestnutplaygroup. org.uk 07342 900120.

Wendy Hine on behalf of Chestnut Playgroup

Space for the Spirit

ARE you looking for time out from a busy life, or somewhere to be quiet and reflect for a little while? In January we are starting Space for the Spirit at St Mary's, a time of quiet reflection, music, words and images.

It will be at 8pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the parish church and those of any faith or none are invited, whether to participate actively or just to sit at the back and slip out quietly at the end.

Join us on 23^{rd} January when the theme will be *Dawn*. Molly Warrington

New Year events for the Friend's of St Mary's

GET 2018 off to a good and sociable start at the Friends of St Mary's annual Mince Pies and Savouries Coffee Morning from 10.30am to noon on Saturday 6th January in the Village Hall. Entrance is £4 and there will be a raffle and a Bring and Buy stall.

At the end of January - Sunday 28th - postponed from last year, will be the Flanders and Swann type concert including, amongst others, songs from the popular Drop of a Hat and Drop of Another Hat West End shows of the '60s. The concert will be in St Mary's Church and start at 3pm. Tickets at £10 will include refreshments and will be available from Chris Morse - 891616, and Margaret Cox - 891231.

All are welcome to both of the Friends of St Mary's events. Margaret Cox 891231



THE following crimes have occurred in Linton:

Between 9pm on the 4th December and 12 noon on 5th December diesel was taken, Ref CF0705671217

Between 11 pm on 6^{th} November and 6.30 am on 17^{th} November, front and rear number plates were taken from a motor vehicle in the Grip, Ref CF0664621117

At 3.29am on 30th November there was a business burglary at 106 High Street, (ie thieves broke into the Co-op at 106 High Street see page 1), Ref CF0692861117



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BELOW are details of our exciting programme for the spring term which starts the week beginning Monday 8th January. Places are still available in the following subjects: Pottery, cake decorating, photography, mindfulness, upholstery, Tai Chi, flower arranging, Italian beginners We are also running Saturday workshops on 10th February and 10th March. The Workshops run from 10am until 4pm with a course fee of £35 but some courses have an additional cost for

own ingredients.

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dresses may be withheld if requested. Where is Veronica?

About the middle of November, a man who delivered a parcel to me asked if I knew where 22 Cambridge Road was. I told him it must be somewhere near the top of Joiners Road and off he went. Two weeks later another delivery man asked the same question and also said that he could find 20 and 24 but not 22. He had no phone number to check and the addressee was only shown as Veronica, no surname. Now intrigued, I looked at the SCDC interactive planning map and discovered that 22 was given permission in 1988 to build two chalet-bungalows on the plot. These were given the addresses 1a and 1b Joiners Road and 22 Cambridge Road seems to have been demolished to make way for them. Does anybody know where Veronica is now, or who might be sending her parcels?

Bruce Hunt, 26 Joiners Road

OUR THANKS

Jimmy's Shelter success

A HUGE thank you to everyone that got involved and made the collections such a success. Special thanks go to the Village Hall in Linton for allowing collections to be held there and local businesses for providing much needed donations (Sweet Talk News, Cambridgeshire Family Chiropractic Centre and Julie and Jo's Child Care). Thanks also to Karen Ennew for her collections on behalf of the Emmeline Centre for Hearing Implants, Audiology and ENT Unit.

Thanks to Collin Lansdell, Haverhill Man with a Van, who kindly took the collections across to the shelter on the 22nd December free of charge, all the donations made it safely to the shelter. Collin's help made it possible for such a large number of collections to be taken.

Finally our thanks to all you residents who have made this possible, you have helped make someone's Christmas better." Kate Wiseman

Christmas festivities



OVER thirty members celebrated Christmas last month with a mouth-watering bring and share meal. Special thanks to Hilary Angetter and Sue Ellis who organised the food; the Committee who organised it all with

seasonal entertainment and Sue Smales for the iced fruit cake. Anybody interested in joining the WI would be most welcome.

Further information can be found on lintonwi@outlook.com or from Cambridge Federation on office@cfwi.co.uk. Or you could get a taster by coming as a visitor and, for a small charge, enjoying the evening's entertainment. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. We will be pleased to see you and bring Sally Probets, 891021 a friend.



Fitness activities nearby

EVERY year in January we try to list as many activities as we can find that are available in and around Linton that help to keep us fit. It is not easy to gather the correct information so if we have missed yours or got it wrong tell us and we will try to correct.

Walking

Editor

There are many walks round Linton see the book of Linton walks or the book on the Heritage trail walk. Every third Sunday a group sets off at 11am from Church Lane for an informal walk. Contact Monica Poulter on 892419. Wandlebury, just a few miles away, runs a healthy walk on Thursdays and Nordic walking on Wednesdays - see News in Brief on page 5.

Village Hall

There are several Pilates classes (PC)at the village hall, run by Body Design see below. Contact 07986 692334 or

www.bodydesignpilates.co.uk/classes.php

Wednesday PC 6.15–7.30pm Level 2 and 7.40–8.55pm Level 1/2. Thursday PC 9.50–11am Level 3 and 11.10am–12.20pm Level 1/2. Friday PC 9.50–11.00am Level 3 and 11.10–12.20 Level 1/2. Thursday PC evening classes starting January 2018 Friday afternoons, ballet and tap dancing classes for children

Fridays at 7.15to 8pm tap dancing for adults during term-time. Contact esmewatts@hotmail.com

Linton Sports Centre at Linton Village College

Manager Chris Baker Contact 890248 or chris.baker@lvc.org or lcsc@lvc.org Monday 6–7pm Shimmy fit booked at the sports centre – Shimmy fit is an African style dance fitness class.

Monday 7.30–8.30pm Clubbercise – dance workout with glow sticks and disco lights to club anthems. See Facebook clubbercise. Monday 8–9.30pm mens keep fit - circuits style class mainly but not solely for 30s to 60s turn up and join in. For more information phone John (891952) or Bob (891372)

Tuesdays 7–8.30pm Linton Taekwondo club. Contact Jason on 07745436806

Wednesday 7.30-9.30pm mens keep fit, running, circuits and basketball class just turn up. Contact Andrew Clark, 07713 160306 or and rew@tesco.net

Thursday 7.30–10.00pm, Linton Badminton Club (League) (Summer club (May-September) is 8–10pm).

Contact Rob Burleigh 07803346115, rob@chopandmix.co.uk www.lintonbadminton.co.uk/

Friday 8–10pm Badminton –contact Sue Mudge 892737

Also at LVC Sports Centre

Yoga, Thursday 7–8pm or Sunday 11am–12noon, Turn up and join in. Contact Wendy Batehup, wendybatehup@yahoo.co.uk or ring 07811 689 276

Monday Linton Netball, Junior years 9-11, meet 6-7pm. Adults meet 7.15-8.30pm. Contact Lisa on lintonnetball@gmail.com or https://lintonladiesnetball.weebly.com/

Mondays Beacon Trust Astro Football 3.05pm - 4.30pm (Termtime only). Competitions and Matches for boys and girls in school years 7-11. All abilities are welcome. Contact Lee on 07904763079 or Email: lee@beacontrust.org

Aztecs football U6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 Boys play on a Saturday Aztecs football U11, 13, 15 Girls play on a Saturday

Aztecs football U14, 15, 16 & 17s play on a Sunday. Contact Malcolm Peters on 07860863723 or www.Aztecsjfc.co.uk or Malcolm@instantemail.co.uk

Thursdays Linton village cricket club, 6-8pm. Contact linton.village.cc@gmail.com

Linton Recreation Ground

Saturday afternoons, Linton Granta football club, three teams plus veterans and walking football. Train Wednesdays 7pm games Saturday 2pm or 3pm contact davidodell, 07739962564, or davidodell33@hotmail.com,

Triple J Gym, Unit 12a, The Grip Triple J is open daily. You can contact them on 891164 or joe@triplejfitness.co.uk, see www.triplejfitness.co.uk

Strictly Dance & Fitness Studios, Unit 12b, The Grip Contact Graeme on ghj.strictlydance@yahoo.co.uk, or 07760 143901, or www.strictlydancecambridge.co.uk Monday to Thursday evenings Latin & Ballroom dancing lessons Monday, 6.15 pm Yoga with Sue Anderson, 07824 382378. Tuesday, 6pm, Fitsteps with Anne Catchpole, 07799 644053. Wednesday at 1pm, Line Dancing, Lisa Mason, 07958 788292. Wednesday at 8pm Ballroom & Latin Practise, 07760 143901. Thursday at 11am, Yoga Sue Anderson, Tel: 07824 382378. First Sunday of Month, Tea Dance 3pm-5pm, 07760 143901

Hildersham Village Hall (& Linton) Zigzag Pilates. Gentle Pilates Wednesdays 5.45pm and Fridays 10.15am, Beginners /improvers Wednesday at 7pm and Friday at 11.30am. For more information ring 07905 105081 or go to www.zigzagpilates.co.uk or or email Rachel@zigzagpilates.co.uk Jazzercise

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For entry in this list, ensure that your event is written into the diary in the Post Office; failure to do so could mean non-entry to the diary here. You may also email your event details to diary@ linton.info Call 893619 for an audio version of the Linton News. Details of items in bold type may be found in this edition. WEEKLY

Little stars SEN group, alternate Mondays 1.15-2.45pm CC Netball, Monday evenings, 0.50pm Jones Pavilion Linton Granta football bingo, 7pm Mondays LVC sports centre Netball, Monday evenings, 6.30pm junior, 7.30pm adult Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701) WEA, Tuesdays, 10am term-time VH Linton Air Cadets Mon and Thurs 7-9.30pm (07717801056) LVC Scrabble Club, 10am-12noon alternate Tuesdays CP Linton Granta playgroup, 9am-12noon Monday-Friday LVC Linton Granta Toddler grp, 9.30-11.30 Tuesdays term time LVC Linton Granta playgroup, 8.30am -2.30pm Mon-Fri, LVC Storytime, 2-2.30pm Tuesdays, term-time Library Granta duplicate bridge club, 2-4pm Tuesdays VH Beacon Astro Football, Tuesdays, 3.05-4.30pm LVC Beacon Red Zone Youth Club, Tuesdays, 7-8.30pm LVC IT club-computer help, 7pm Tuesdays CC CC Linton chess club, 7.30pm Tuesdays Belleplate ringing, 7.45-9pm, Tuesdays (971057) Tots in tow, 9.30-11am, Wednesdays term time only URC VH Jelly Beans playgroup, 9-11.30am Thursdays Doodle Dots under 5s, Thursdays 10-11.30am, URC CC NewBeginnings(withBabySensory), 1.15-2.45pm, ThursdaysCC Library Computer buddies, 2-4pm, Thursdays BeaconDrop-In Club, Thursdays, 5.30-7pm The Rec Cricket club, 6-8pm, Thursdays LVC URC Beacon Youth Group, 7-8.30pm Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, 9.15-10am Fridays CP Stay and Play, Fridays 10am-11.30am CC St Mary's church choir, 7-8.30pm, Fridays CC Linton Bridge club, 7pm, Fridays For sports centre courses please call LVC sports centre on 890248

JANUARY 2018

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1	Camera Club, 7pm	VH
2	2 WI, 7.30pm	VH
3	Reading Group, 8pm	VH Upstairs
	Luncheon Club, 12 noon Old Red Lion	n Horseheath
6	5 St Mary's Mince Pie event, 10.30am	VH
8	3 Whist Drive, 7.30pm	VH
9	WEA course, 10am	VH
9	VIP Group, 2pm	Chalklands
9	Garden Club, 7.30pm	VH
10	Community navigator, 10am-12noon	HC
16	Historical Society, 7.30pm	VH
17	Cambridgeshire hearing help, 9.30–12 noon	LintonHC
18	ACEtalk, 12.30pm Spo	orts Pavilion
18	Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm	CC
19	Daylight readers, 10.30am	
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		3.30pm VH
20	Jumble sale for Linton Granta Playgroup, 2-3	3.30pm VH Church Lane
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January 2018

Page 4 2523 (Linton) Squadron Air Training Corps

WITH the darker evenings and the deteriorating weather it gives the squadron time to start work on the classification training syllabus. This covers various aviation studies, navigation theory and other useful topics that can be applied across our activities in the ATC. The course is a progressive syllabus where cadets work their way through the classification structure and onto becoming instructors themselves.

On the first parade of December we were pleased to have a group of cadets pass their exams with flying colours, opening up new opportunities within the Corps. These included; Cadets Pierce, Keenan, Leader, Murphy, Pybus and Murray gaining their first-class cadet qualification and Sergeant Sutton gaining her master cadet qualification.

As well as giving a good understanding of aviation, the classification courses can be used towards gaining an array of BTECS and NVQ qualifications. This month Flight Sergeant Godfrey, Sergeant Sutton and Corporals Green and Ring all achieved a BTEC Diploma in aviation studies. This is particularly pleasing as these count towards UCAS points on university applications.

We don't let the weather put us off our more adventurous activities. Mr Paul Orton, our Duke of Edinburgh officer, is busy planning the next expedition which we hope to carry out at the start of next year. This will put the navigation skills learned in classification training to good use.

We look forward to welcoming more staff on the squadron very soon and should you wish to learn more about the opportunities available to you as an adult volunteer please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Civilian Instructor Brad Wright, Training Officer 2523 (Linton) training.2523@aircadets.org, 07943 873272.

Men can get a smart haircut on Mondays now



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Dick Whittington Panto | Johnathon Veira concert



The cast happy to say: "It all ends well (Oh yes it does)" Photo by Ron Pitkin

"I'VE got tickets for the Linton panto", I told my family. "Oh no you haven't" they replied. "Oh yes I have!" and a good job too, as I would not have wanted to miss a great afternoon of family entertainment.

Despite the heavy snow, Lorenzo Zambrana Roberts' production of Dick Whittington was well attended. Lorenzo, 17, gave a memorable performance as pantomime dame, while mum, Tracey, had the audience chuckling at her role as Idle Jack.

We have a lot of young talent in Linton and much of it was on display. Amy Hayden (Dick), Imogen Annett (Tommy the cat) and Grace Darvill (Alice) were impressive, with excellent singing, acting and dancing skills. They were complemented by a sweet troupe of panto babes (April Binley, Chloe Hill, Hannah Woodroffe, Jess Logan, Larna Parsons, Molly Colwell), who added colour and flair to the performance. Sarah Colwell (Queen Rat) was hoping to be booed extremely loudly and she was! Little girls in the audience were enchanted by Liz Woodroffe's beautiful portrayal of the Fairy, while husband, Peter, was dashing as Alderman Fitzwarren. We were all grateful for the generosity of gracious Sarah Rycarte as the Empress of Monaco, for paying to send Dick back to London to become Lord Mayor.

Stage managers, Emma Jones and Yasmin Jeffcoate, worked wonders with a beautiful set and the costumes (nearly 40 of them) were all delightful. A final applause for the young tech team of Torin Reedman, Oliver Albone, James Gant and George Tilly, who managed lighting and music.

All profits go to East Anglia's Children's Hospices, so even though it's all now "behind you", I think the team deserve a big hand. Helene Judge

News from Hadstock Church

READERS may know that repair work started at Hadstock Church in September, with the hope and expectation that it would be finished by Christmas... but as works proceeded it became clear that the nave ceiling was in a dangerous state.

After intensive discussions with builders, the architect and the Diocese of Chelmsford, the ceiling has been taken down completely; and work to replace it, using traditional materials, began in early December.

Meanwhile until this is done, the rest of the programme cannot proceed; the church must remain closed to the public; and the unexpected ceiling costs left the church and the village with a shortfall on the project of £30,000.

Most Sunday services are continuing in the chancel, with Café Church services in the Village Hall. The Christmas Eve Light of the World service was transferred to the barn of Hadstock Hall, by kind permission of Felix and Laura Corob-Cook.

The Revd Paula Griffiths, Priest at Hadstock, said: "The response of the people of Hadstock to this emergency has been very heartening, as donations and fundraising ideas have flowed in. But we still have a significant shortfall to meet before we can finish the work.'

Any donations will be warmly welcomed by the Friends of St Botolph's Church via the Treasurer, Tony Handley, Hillcrest Cottage, Bartlow Road, Hadstock, Essex CB21 4PF.

Revd Paula Griffiths



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Picture supplied by Johnathon

AT 7.30pm on Saturday 17th

March, international enter-

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Veira, will be giving a concert

in St Mary's church. This is not

a fund-raising event and any

profit will go to the church. It is

also an opportunity to open our

attractive and historic church to

all the people in the village for

this wonderful entertainment.

standingly talented interna-

tional singer, musician and a

superb comic raconteur, whose

anecdotal story-telling has

people of all ages laughing

Johnathan Veira is an out-

helplessly.

Johnathon is essentially a musical chameleon performing a great diversity of songs to the highest standards, from Billy Joel to Mozart and everything in between, ballads, blues, rock'n roll, jazz and even opera, nothing is beyond him. His natural warmth and good humour draws you in to him, a very likeable man and a great entertainer.

My wife and I had the pleasure of attending one of his concerts last summer and had a wonderful time. We do hope many of you will join us on 17th March, we can promise you a great evening.

Tickets are £10 each which includes a glass of wine or cordial and snacks in the interval. Tickets can be purchased from Brian in The Small Gift shop, 61 High Street, from us at 1 Rhugarve Gardens, telephone 891931, or at St Mary's Church after the Sunday 10am service. Derek and Colleen Lockstone

Linton Gardening Club

AT the club's December meeting Andrew Sankey entertained us with a talk on Amusing quotes of famous and not

so famous gardeners, which was followed by our Christmas Social. While looking forward to 2018, we reflected on a successful year for the club which gained several new members. Events held in 2017 included an interesting and entertaining programme of talks and the plant sale in May which is the major source of club funds, supplemented this year by a Parish Council grant.

An enjoyable outing to Beeches Nursery, including the adjoining wildflower meadow, took place on a lovely sunny June evening. We organised the well-received Clubs' Introduction Day in June. Finally, our annual show in July had a friendly and enjoyable atmosphere and it was good to welcome new exhibitors, some of whom won trophies.

This year's plant sale will be on Saturday 12th May and the annual show on Saturday 28th July. We would like to encourage more people, including non-members, to enter exhibits into the show. The sections are Fruit & Vegetable, Flowers, Pot Plants, Flower Arranging, Baking and Preserves, Photography, Arts & Crafts and Children's, so there should be classes for everyone.

Talks planned for 2018 include Right Plant, Right Place, Designing Small Gardens and Butterflies in your Garden. Keith Jordan will speak about *Thrifty Gardening* at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th January in the Village Hall. We look forward to welcoming members current and new, and also visitors.

Helen Townsend Igcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk, 893577

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Above and below right: The new barbers in the High Street Pictures by Sarah Hurcum



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The Horse Chestnut

gastro-intestinal problems.

In World War 1 everyone

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as a source of starch

for fermentation.

was asked to collect conkers

and donate them to the Gov-



POT POURRI 153

Pot Pourri 153 – What is the %?

A 5m ladder is resting against a wall. The lower end is 1.4m from the wall.

If the lower end is moved a distance 25cm from the wall, how far will the upper end move?

Pot Pourri 152 – Relative speed

Relative speed of the spaceships is two thirds the speed of light.

Pot Pourri 151 – Equal areas

The Pythagorean plots have sides 20, 21, 29 and 12, 35, 37 which have equal areas.

Urania

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NEWS IN BRIEF

CAFÉ Church returns at Hadstock at 9.30am on Sunday 4th February in the village hall.

Refreshments, informal seating, activities, time to talk and a very simple service thinking about Jesus the child - growing as the Light to lighten all the peoples of the world.

What can you do to help others feel positive and happy?

Hildersham lecture

Not so much a lecture, more a performance MIKE Petty MBE, renowned local historian, will present a talk entitled Floods in the Fens at Hildersham Church at 7.30pm on 26th January.

Entry £5 including refreshments. U18s free.

For further details contact Cathy Myer on 892848 or email: catherinemyer43@btinternet.com

Tales of Lancasters and other Aircraft - a library *Engage session*

GEORGE CULLING was a 19-year-old Lancaster navigator whose experience involved battling tricky and dangerous conditions.

Fascinated by the ever present hazards for airmen even far from combat, he has collated tales from comrades and combined them with his own to preserve some of the unexpected, inconvenient, dangerous and often downright bizarre experiences that frequently typified daily life for airmen in the Second World War.

George will be speaking at Linton Library at 2pm on Monday 5th February. Collect your free ticket from the library, or call 0345 045 5225.

Donations for refreshments welcomed.

Anna McMahon

Events at Wandlebury

HEALTHY Walking at Wandlebury Every Thursday: 10am or 10.30am to 11am. Meet at the Stable Rooms at 10am for a longer walk or 10.30am for a shorter stroll. All welcome, suitable for all abilities. Free of charge and no need to book, please arrive 10 minutes early to register if it's your first session.

Hedge Laying at Wandlebury.

Wednesday 10th January: 10am to 3pm.

Orienteering for All.

Sunday 14th January: 11am to 3pm.

Winter Tree Identification.

Saturday 20th January: 1pm to 4pm.

Coppicing Woodland at Wandlebury.

Wednesday 24th January 10am to 3pm.

Meet at Wandlebury car park notice board. All instruction, equipment and tools provided. Donations are also always appreciated.

For more information on any of the above: email bookings@ cambridgeppf.org, call 243830 extension 207 or visit www. cambridgeppf.org/whats-on Lorna Gough



EVERY summer we see horse shade from the dense canopy for joint pain, leg cramps and chestnuts beginning to go brown from July onwards, when they should be at their greenest. Why is this? They are such magnificent trees, easily identifiable by their sticky buds, growing to 128 feet, spreading their huge leaves all over gardens, parks and avenues, and providing conkers.

Does anyone play conkers anymore? With over 450,000 trees in the country, that is an awful lot of conkers going to waste if not.

Horse chestnuts originated in the Balkans. The first written report about them was from Istanbul, complete with woodcut illustration, in 1557. Since then they have spread all over the world, thriving in dry and sandy soil, wet clay and chalk.

In Germany brewers dug

Its proper name is Aesculus

horse chestnut due to a misguided belief that it is a kind of chestnut, with fruit that could assist a panting horse.

crush the seed and throw it into water to stun fish. New shoots have been known to stun grazing cattle. Over generations the cellars and planted them for seed extracts have been used

ACE in festive mood

ACEs pre-Christmas get-together and buffet lunch was an enjoyable, relaxed occasion, with plenty of opportunities for conversation among old friends, including several who had been kept from joining us recently due to illness. The tables were decked with crackers and delightful decorations, courtesy of Jan, her skill and her garden. We thought we might have over-catered for the savouries, but strangely we just had enough room for the mince pies, biscuits and chocolates.

We have seen much publicity lately on issues affecting older people, including, loneliness, isolation, caring for the carers, retaining independence, etc. ACE events and the Community Warden are our way to help, working with Age UK, who have developed new schemes:

The Carer Support scheme.

The "Life Changes" scheme to support people through crises.

Home energy checks.

Please contact me regarding the Warden. AgeUK deals with other help on 0300 666 9860.

The next event will be on January 18th at the Sports Pavilion starting at 12.30pm, which will be supported by the Co-op group. The theme of the talk? Toyboys and Scams; that should be fun.

Many thanks to the committee who have worked so hard through the year to organise the lunches, garden party, coach trips, etc., and to those who help with set up and transport; you are very much appreciated.

ACEs wish you a Happy New Year – and look out for the rest of our activities in 2018. Enid Bald

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and shallow roots.

Ann Frank's diary mentioned the one in Amsterdam she could see. This same tree survived

till 2010 but from it 11 saplings sprouted, each shipped around the world to museums and Holo-

caust memorials.

Hippocastanum and it is called

Native Americans used to

This produced temperatures of -20 degrees C acetone for and the population can increase even after the harshest winters. use as a solvent for the However there is no evidence that this damage ever leads to production of cordite for muthe death of the tree. That dubious honour goes to a bleeding Nowadays people put them canker, a bacterial infection in corners to discourage spinow evident in half the trees in ders though, despite repeated the UK. A pathogen, spread by experimentation, that doesn't rain, infects the bark around the trunk and the main branches. But back to why they go As it spreads, it cuts off the

in a mine in the leaves, damag-

ing them and stunting growth.

Leaves drop off, regrow and the

cycle is repeated, often several

times a season. One mine can

cover several square centime-

tres. The pupae are extremely

frost tolerant and can survive

brown so early. This is due to water supply to the crown and the leaf mining moth. It was discovered in Macedonia in 1984 and took 18 years to make its

Lend your support to the library

ways to help Linton Library thrive this year:

- 1. Visit. We have lots to offer even if you don't love reading. the diary column of this paper. Already a regular visitor? Bring a friend.
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- 3. to borrow books, audiobooks, DVDs or use our electronic resources
- 4. Volunteer. Can you spare some time to deliver books to housebound borrowers? Or could you organize a group to meet at the library? Book group, knit and natter, crafts for
- 5. Offer a talk for one of our Engage in the Afternoon sessions. If you've a tale to tell or experience to share, we'd love to hear about it.
- Donate books. Please ask for our donation guidelines. 6. We especially appreciate recently published books in close-to-new condition, as these will be borrowed more and last longer.

See you soon at the library.

Jumble sale

THERE will be a Jumble Sale for Linton Granta Playgroup from 2pm until 3.30pm on 20th January in the village hall. Sarah Meeks



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eventually causes the death of the tree. What to do? There is a lot more to trees way over here. The larvae feed than meets the eye.

OUR local library is a great community asset. Here are seven

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THE New Year creates an opportunity to set resolutions. For many, the indulgence of the festive season prompts a focus on developing a healthier lifestyle. For others, the new calendar year encourages a commitment to try a new hobby or skill

The College's Sports Centre characteristically sees a spike in membership and use in January. Having such a facility for the community is part of what makes our village college a special one. Chris Baker, our Sports Centre Manager, is keen to continue to increase participation, as is Margaret Kiddy, our Adult Education Manager, who has introduced a number of new evening classes, taster sessions and weekend workshops to develop our adult education learning programme.

The philosophy of the village college movement was to ensure that schools were at the heart of their villages and provided opportunities for life-long learning and community activity. Having the school buildings and outdoor facilities busy outside of the school day is an important aspect of our school character, as is welcoming visitors into the college to share special moments and activities.

At the end of the autumn term, we had lots of events of this nature. Our annual Coffee and Carols was a particular highlight, as was the Christmas Concert at Balsham Church and the Christmas Fayre with Granta School. Children benefit a great deal from performing to an audience beyond the school community and working in partnership with students and adults beyond LVC. Thank you to everyone that supported these activities.

Two of our students took part in a debating competition at the Houses of Parliament in December, competing against other schools. This was a great public speaking challenge and one that provided a great deal of access to cultural capital.

Students at Linton Village College are fortunate to have staff that are committed to making these enriching extra-curricular activities possible through planning trips and visits and providing opportunities to experience real-life learning. While many schools are stripping back non-academic provision due to financial and workload pressures, we remain committed to offering a rich, holistic education experience for all of our learners

Helena Marsh **Executive Principal**

LVC annual Christmas coffee morning

ONCE again, Mrs Jenny Pullin, head of food technology, assisted by Miss Laura Jones and Mrs Wendy Hilton supported Year 9, 13 and 14 yearold pupils, in their Christmas community service project for the annual coffee morning at Linton Village College on 5th December. One hundred and forty people were invited to the college from the Linton catchment area, including a large contingent from the village.

Guests were welcomed by the Executive Principal, Mrs Helena Marsh, who presented a bottle of champagne to the winner of a lucky number competition. The students, who had made cakes, biscuits and mince pies for refreshments served tea and coffee. Each guest received a special bag as a Christmas gift.

To help pay for some of the prizes in the enormous raffle,

LINTON the students had organised various events including washing staff cars, holding a sponsored silence, selling iced cakes and biscuits and setting up different sports activities. Other prizes were donated by families and the teachers.

The musical entertainment was particularly enjoyed by the guests commencing with two Christmas songs by the hand bell ringers introduced by Mr Will Scheilling. Director of music, Mrs Helen Juckes, conducted the symphonic wind orchestra playing a medley of Christmas music, followed by the college choir and guests joining in the carols. The lower school choir ended the music with Christmas songs arranged by Mrs Rachel Godsill

Judging by the happy hum of voices and cheerful greetings of the students, the morning was a great success

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Kate France 891602



News on planning applications and appeals

WEDNESDAY 6th December was a busy day for Linton at the SCDC Planning Committee.

The third application for the Diocese Horseheath Road site was heard. Backed by our excellent consultant, Corrie Newell, I made yet another three minute presentation on the unsuitability of the site for housing development.

This version of the application reduced the number of houses and leased allotments, but included additional proposals to control surface water flooding, screen the site and to lessen the impact of the housing on neighbours.

These were, we argued, not deliverable in the space available. The site is on a slope, is very visible as part of the approach to Linton. When it floods, it sends water to Horseheath and Bartlow Roads and to neighbours – the proposed SUDS drainage scheme to prevent this appeared flawed, and the bunds, swales and screening schemes could not be guaranteed to be protected and preserved.

The process of the application was also an issue and, as a result, the decision was deferred until January; thank you to Henry Batchelor for his support and initiative in obtaining this deferment. Thank you also to planning committee members for asking so many questions, which helped me to expand upon the issues - it is hard to fit it all in to three minutes.

Planning officers then needed to confirm that SCDC would be defending the appeal against the previous decisions. Had the third application been approved, then we presume that the others were also lost.

Now it was confirmed by councillors that the appeal would proceed – unfortunately the day of their decision on the current application overlaps the Public Inquiry, so that will be an interesting week...The Public Inquiry starts on January 9th and lasts for three days. Public are encouraged to attend.

As we feel the data provided by developers to Statutory Consultees is outdated (eg traffic data from 2011 is historic) or flawed, LPC will have meetings with CCC Traffic and Flood teams and others. We are also writing further reports and responses to the applications, ready for the decision hearings and appeal.

I am looking forward to the Local and Neighbourhood plans being in place soon, as then we would not have these speculative developers and inappropriate housing applications.

> Enid Bald. **Chairman LPC Planning Committee**

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HORRY PARSONS was about to retire from local building firm Sindalls when an exciting opportunity to tender came in. The Diocese of St Edmundsbury had finally raised enough money to build a lantern tower on top of their cathedral at Bury St Edmunds.

Although not the cheapest, Sindalls won the first stage tender to manage the site with Horry having overall responsibility for the teams both on and off site. Work began in 2000 and Horry described the various stages involved.

Almost half the budget went on the stonemasonry. With a specification for Lincolnshire limestone, an unexpected source of rare Barnack stone was located and hastily acquired, together with Clipsham stone. All the blocks were cut with quarter inch tolerance and all the carvings were scrutinised by the architect. Ninety eight miles of new scaffolding poles were bought and 600,000 purpose made Suffolk Cream bricks were needed to perfectly fill the cavity between the stone walls. It took six months to create the best lime mortar mix.

Horry entertained us by describing the site visits by Prince Charles, and his initiation into bricklaying.

Building the tower was just part of the Millennium Project finally completed in 2005. Horry ended his very enjoyable talk by revealing that the original planning application had described the tower as a one storey extension on a one storey building.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16th January at Linton Village Hall, Coles Lane when Tamsin Wimhurst will talk about The David Parr House, an Arts and Crafts terraced house in Cambridge.

Pat Faircloth 893928



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Spring Term 2018 Gardening appreciation

A TEN week course on a brief history of the English Garden with internationally renowned gardener, Andrew Sankey, starts at 10am on Tuesday 9th January in Linton Village Hall. *The fee for all this is just* $\pounds 54 - plus$ *a planned visit to a famous* Spring Garden.

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S/4091/17/FL Mr & Mrs Vaughn, 92 Balsham Road. Front single storey extension to detached dwelling to replace existing canopy porch.

S/4034/17/LD Mr & Mrs Simon Page, 46 The Grip. Lawful development certificate for proposed single storey side extension and alterations.

S/4124/17/FL Mr Neil Elsom, 70 Balsham Road. Two storey side extension.

S/4128/FL Baby Pig Ltd, 10 Horn Lane. Retrospective application for replacement of windows and French windows with double glazed windows and French windows.

S/4242/17/FL Mr & Mrs Simon Page, 46 The Grip. Single storey side extension

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Parish Council Matters New defibrillator installation

YOU may have heard the urban myth "you are never more than six feet from a rat" (in fact in a city it is probably like 50m) but in Linton it would seem you are now never more than 200m from a defibrillator, with the official handing over on 22nd November 2017 of the newly installed one on the side of the Linton Community Fire Station.

There are quite a few around the village, with some more accessible than others – for example the one on the side of the sports pavilion on the recreation ground, being outside and in a prominent position.

They are also at the health centre and village college leisure/ sports centre plus it is believed there may be others up on the Grip industrial estate, but if they are inside company premises they are not so accessible.

A contract has been set up between Linton Parish Council and Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service such that they monitor and maintain the defibrillator and the parish council pay for replacement parts (like pads and batteries). This is the first contract of its kind and the fire service is now going to use it as a template for other communities.

The parish council is very grateful to the Linton Fire Station firefighters for accommodating this community asset and would like to thank them for their support in making the installation happen. Plus, we should be thankful for the interest of local residents in making this happen including Paul Richardson and Tracy Coston,



Defibrillators in-situ at the fire station and the sports pavilion Pictures taken by Simon Hill

who took the time to come to recent parish council meetings to make the case for obtaining a defibrillator for the village.

In case you ever have cause to use it, when you call 999 on the handset you will be given the code to access it.

These are the instructions from the British Heart Foundation website:

If you come across someone who is not breathing or breathing erratically, the most important thing is to call 999 and start CPR to keep the blood flowing around the body. After a cardiac arrest, every minute without CPR and defibrillation reduces someone's chance of survival by 10 per cent. (Personal note: the emergency operator will stay on the line and talk you through how to perform the CPR - remember Nelly The Elephant or Staying Alive for the rhythm – I know as I once had to do this for a dear friend)

If you're on your own, don't interrupt the CPR to go and get defibrillator. If it's possible, send someone else to find one.

Once the defibrillator is open and in position, all you have to do is follow the spoken instructions. Many defibrillators will also have diagrams or a screen to help you. The defibrillator detects the heart's rhythm, it won't deliver a shock unless one is needed.

Often you'll need to press the shock button although some fully automatic defibrillators will deliver the shock themselves.

You should resume CPR as soon as instructed by the defibrillator.

Here's hoping it will never have to be put to the test. Čllr Merrie Mannassi



Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board update

AT the Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board meeting on 22nd November 2017 the following recommendations were adopted:

Approve the withdrawal of existing Park and Ride proposals at Babraham Village and Wild Country Organics, Great Abington, pending new larger sites being identified;

Agree public consultation on the three strategies subject to Strategy 1 being considered as an off-road public transport corridor with the most appropriate mode being the subject of further consideration and consultation at a later stage of scheme development following the outcome of this consultation;

The consultation to aim to begin in February 2018 following discussion with the Mayor and the Combined Authority on the content of the consultation;

Delegate authority to the Transport Director to approve public consultation materials in conjunction with the Chair

and the Transport Portfolio Holder;

Approve environmental surveys to be carried out starting in January 2018 to meet seasonal windows for species;

Authorise officers to progress the design and planning of lower cost works within the public highway, not requiring consents, for early delivery, subject to consultation;

Change the official title of the project to Cambridge South East Transport Study. Strategy 1 as displayed

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to the Local Liaison Forum will be presented as a public transport corridor that could be either light rail or bus based, the mode of operation to be the subject of further consideration and further consultation. An additional corridor will be added to Strategy 1 for potential routes via the disused railway and main line railway at Great Shelford.

Lesley Hoyle, on behalf of The Greater Cambridge Partnership, delivering our City Deal

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The Hundred Parishes Society

NATIVE evergreen trees include the Holly, Scots Pine, Yew and Juniper. During the chillier winter months these can provide a welcome leafy contrast to the stark silhouettes of the deciduous trees which have shed their leaves. The red berries of the Holly contrast with its dark prickly leaves and are carried on the female trees. They provide useful food for hungry birds at the turn of the year.

The sombre needle-like foliage of the Yew covers a red trunk that can become deeply furrowed with age. The branches of a female Yew will be studded with many red arils, cup-like berries, each surrounding a green seed. The fleshy arils attract birds and the green poisonous seeds inside pass through the bird's digestive system to germinate elsewhere. The Yew's foliage is toxic, so they are not welcome in areas where livestock could browse them. Scots Pine needles are acidic and can damage thatched roofs.

Yews are exceptionally long-lived and are often associated with ancient sacred sites. Old churches and their surrounding burial grounds are a significant feature of the Hundred Parishes and the majority contain one or more venerable Yew trees. Since the Bronze Age, Yew has been the favoured wood from which to make longbows. They were a key weapon of the English army during the Middle Ages, particularly in battles during the Hundred Years War.

Determining the age of such trees is difficult as they grow slowly or may be hollow, but it is possible that some may pre-date the adjacent building. For example, the Yew beside Thorley Church is considered older than the 13th century building.

In the 18th century, clipped Yew hedges were a feature of formal gardens surrounding fine houses. They were frequently included in 19th century cemetery plantings, often alongside weeping trees which symbolised grief. Bridge End Gardens in Saffron Walden has clipped Yews in the Dutch garden. Today there is a vogue for intricately clipped Yews in tubs to add a formal note in small town gardens or pedestrianised urban sites, but they lack the status of our mature Yews.

In the quieter corners of most parishes, the Yew stands as a symbol of longevity, ready to sprout as the days lengthen with the arrival of the New Year.

Tricia Moxey, Trustee, www.hundredparishes.org.uk



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Happy New Year

LINTON Parish Council and the office team wish all residents a happy new year and look forward to continuing to work for you in 2018.

Parish council office

Speedwatch in Linton

TRAFFIC and speeding has long been an issue within Linton and several residents have brought it to the parish council that they would like to look to run a village Speedwatch to prevent and deter speeding. The parish council has offered its full support for this but to make it

a success it requires commitment from local residents to volunteer and get involved. If you think you may like to get involved in this project then please contact the parish clerk on 01223 891001 or email lintonpc@btconnect.com and register your interest.

Parish clerk



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Page 8 January 2018 **Councilminutescouncilminutescouncilminutes**

DRAFT abbreviated minutes of the Linton Parish Council (LPC/ PC) meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 16th November 2017.

Present: Cllr Paul Poulter (chairman); Cllr Merrie Mannassi (vice-chair); Cllr Enid Bald; Cllr Chris Hine; Cllr Simon Hill; Cllr Chris Negus; Cllr Graham Potter; Cllr Brian Manley; Cllr Dr Beatrice Ward; Cllr John Bald. Clerk: Ms Kathryn Wiseman. District Cllr John Batchelor. Members of the public: Three

Apologies for absence: Cllr Dr Brian Cox: Cllr Angharad Hammond; Cllr Kate Kell; Cllr Amy Smith. County & District Cllr Henry Batchelor.

Councillor vacancy: One current vacancy for co-option.

Open forum for public participation: Three residents were in attendance, all of which wished to speak relating to the parking on the Market Square agenda item.

Matters arising: Cllr Potter enquired as to where the trees, purchase discussed at the last meeting, were to be planted. Cllr Ward responded that the majority of trees were for the cemetery.

District and County Councillors' reports & business: Written report: Noted. District Cllr John Batchelor advised that there were no fundamental requests from the inspector regarding the Local Plan, there has been a request for three or four issues to be addressed however in principle it has been approved. Linton, as a minor rural centre, has not been reviewed or adjusted. The five year land supply is not being questioned as South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council's five year land supply target are being viewed together, so automatically the five year land supply target is achieved. Cllr Batchelor did note that this is not firm until it is received in writing.

Planning matters: Update on planning application S/3405/17/ OL, the third application for the Horseheath Road site following the extraordinary planning committee meeting and public consultation: Cllr E Bald noted that the meeting had gone well with a turnout of 23 members of public, all of which offered good comments and unanimously supported the committee's decision to object to the application.

Planning working group update: Cllr E Bald thanked the working group for their input and hard work on all of the recent planning applications.

Parking on the Market Square: A resident, Mrs Orton, raised concerns regarding the letter which was issued from the parish council, in the fact that there was a short notice period from that of receipt of the letter to the date of the proposed changes and also raised concerns that the letter did not state how one may obtain a permit. This resident was advised that the property in question, The Old Reading Rooms, already holds prior agreement with the parish council to park two vehicles on the Market Square and when permits are formally distributed the residents of the property will be provided with one.

The clerk responded to Mrs Orton that the reason for the date on the letter was that there has been some pressure for the parish council to resolve the ongoing parking issues on the Market Square and that this was a project that required actioning in stages. The clerk advised that this was included in two editions of the Linton News providing pre-warning and then a formal letter notifying of the changes. The next step is for the council to review the parameters of what should and should not quantify a valid permit request.

Cllr Mannassi proposed that the traffic working group (TWG) would review the criteria for the parking permits on Market Square and return to council. This was seconded by Cllr Negus and put to a vote with 10 for and one against. Agreed.

Cllr E Bald also advised that this is a process and would be made up via logical steps as there is no clear easy resolution at this point in time.

Mr Sackin, a resident whose property is adjoining the Market Square, spoke on the same item and stated that in the deeds from the land agreement drawn up in 1984, it stated that he had permissive right of way access over the strip of land which leads to the side gates of his property boundary. The clerk responded that she had reviewed the deed and he does have access rights.

Mr Sackin then continued that in the deed it also states that all cars using the Market Square must park in a manner which would allow them to leave the Market Square in a forward facing gear. The clerk once again acknowledged and agreed this statement. Mr Sackin continued that this was for safety aspects and that by not enforcing this, the parish council was acting unlawfully. Mr Sackin said that until this point he had turned a blind eye to this as he was able to park his car on the Market Square, he then continued that if he was not granted a permit to park his car on the Market Square then he will raise this as an unlawful breech of deed. The chairman at this point advised Mr Sackin that this would be a civil matter and not a lawful matter and requested that Mr Sackin refrain from the phrase 'unlawful' to which Mr Sackin complied. The clerk advised that she was not aware this was an issue or that Mr Sackin parked his vehicle on the Market Square when the letter was issued, so there was no way in which this could have been considered an issue at the time.

The clerk asked Mr Sackin what he wished to achieve by raising this issue now and Mr Sackin responded that he will continue to ignore the breech in the deed should LPC provide him with a permit, otherwise he would pursue the issue further. The TWG were tasked to review the deeds and look at the Market Square to see if there is any further issue here to be addressed. Proposed by Cllr J Bald, seconded by Cllr E Bald, and put to a vote with 10 for and one against. Agreed.

Mr Sackin was advised that the council will review his statement and request and come back to him once they have a better understanding of what the deed includes and how to progress with this issue.

Mr Sackin then asked if he could address the correspondence item of the agenda of the request from Gemma Whiting to hold the Linton Kitchen Christmas Market on the Market Square on the 9th December. Due to the permissive access rights the parish council must obtain Mr Sackin's permission, without prejudice, prior to granting permission. When the clerk asked if Mr Sackin would be providing agreement for this Mr Sackin responded 'no comment' and that he would speak with Ms Whiting directly but was not prepared to respond to the parish council at this point.

A resident, Mr Williams, advised that when looking at permits the PC would have to consider three aspects when reviewing the criteria for a permit: Park and ride; long stay parking; residents using the square for long stay parking when they have off road parking. This recommendation was held by Mr Williams until the permits has been addressed.

Ât this point the residents in attendance left the meeting and the meeting was adjourned for five minutes.

To consider if council feel additional cuts are required for the grounds maintenance of the village and review quotation for additional cuts submitted by Herts & Cambs Grounds Maintenance Ltd: Cllr J Bald proposed that the clerk be delegated power to grant permission for additional cuts in conjunction with relevant Councillors. Cllr Poulter seconded, put to a vote with nine for, one against and one abstention.

The churchyard: Written report submitted by Cllr Cox: Noted. Letter submitted by Mr Gore: Noted.

Local Handyman Services: Review of written jobs listing. Proposed by Cllr E Bald, seconded by Cllr Hine. Agreed.

To consider the recommendation of using rat traps or poison at the Duck Bridge to address the concern of rats: It was proposed by Cllr Poulter that council provide agreement for Local Handyman Services to lay poison and traps in the tunnel entrance that that rats are appearing from. This was seconded by Cllr J Bald. Agreed.

Financial matters: Consideration of the clerk's request for Rialtas to assist with the end of year accounts for 2017/2018. The clerk was thanked by Cllr Poulter for her work on the first audit since her employment with LPC. Cllr Hine proposed, Cllr Poulter seconded. Agreed.

Consideration of the draft leaflet to be included with the Cemetery Regulations in packs provided to residents: The draft presented by Cllr J Bald was reviewed and council made the recommendation that this should be put into a leaflet format with two sides, one which displays the basic but vital information about graves and ashes plots, and one side which lists the other basic rules and regulations. Agreed.

Bench project update: Cllr E Bald advised that a basic costing has been acquired and the money has been applied for in this coming precept, the locations are still being considered then this will come back to council to review in full detail with costing.

Traffic issues: Report from the meeting of the 2nd November with Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership/City Deal: Cllr E Bald advised that the Greenways Project for Safer Cycle Routes had originally proposed Back Road as a safer cycling route, however for obvious reasons this has not progressed. The suggestions of adding bus lanes, and widening the roads were also raised and the parish council had objected stating that these would have a large impact upon the village due to the removal of trees and splays.

Parking issues (correspondence): Request from Mrs Hurcum for a permit to allow parking on Market Square. Clerk to write to and advise that LPC are currently reviewing the parameters of the permits and would come back to her shortly.

Mr Williams regarding possible parking permits suggestions for Market Square: Noted.

Mr Sackin regarding objections to the new parking restrictions within Market Square: Noted.

Request from Ms Jones regarding consideration of reserved parking bays for residents on Horn Lane: Council reviewed this and advised that this would be a Highways matter with Cambridgeshire County Council and that the parish council does not have any jurisdiction over this issue. It can be raised with Highways and requested that the disabled bay be removed as it is no longer required.

Request from Mr Clerke regarding parking restrictions and traffic calming measures within the High Street: The council reviewed the email and advised that it did not think sleeping policemen or many of the conventional traffic calming methods would be appropriate for the High Street.

Consideration of correspondence received: Stop Stansted Expansion annual renewal subscription request: Cllr Potter proposed renewal, this was seconded by Cllr Poulter. Put to a vote with 10 for and one abstention. Agreed.

A resident of Balsham Road regarding details of flooding experiences: Noted.

Ms Whiting request for permission to use the Market Square for Linton Christmas Market 10am-3pm on the 9th December 2017: It was proposed that council provide its permission on the basis that if Mr Sackin provides agreement this can be held. Proposed by Cllr Negus, seconded by Cllr J Bald. Agreed.

Ms Wiseman request for LPC to support a charity goods collection. Put to a vote with 10 for and one abstention. Agreed.

Information Commissioners Office regarding data protection renewal: Proposed by Cllr Hine, seconded by Cllr J Bald. Agreed. Note: Copies of the full minutes, reports and documents referred to above can be inspected at the parish council office.

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