Linton Guides Jumble Sale
From 2pm on Saturday 7th March at Linton Infants
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Girlguiding award

Toni-ann wearing the Laurel award

Photo supplied by Girlguiding Cambridgeshire east

TONI-ANN Hammond is celebrating after receiving the prestigious Laurel Award from Girlguiding.

The Laurel Award is a national award given in recognition of outstanding service to guiding and exceptional leadership to members who have made a significant contribution to supporting and developing guiding for both girls and adults.

Toni-ann's love of the outdoors and commitment to Girlguiding has allowed Toni-ann to offer many girls and young women the opportunity to take part in fun and adventurous activities that would have otherwise been unachievable.

As volunteer estate manager of the Jarman Centre in Newmarket, Toni-ann has transformed a largely neglected 18-acre woodland estate into a vibrant and busy residential and activity centre for guiding, as well as other youth and community groups, across Cambridgeshire.

Over 800 members of Girlguiding Anglia were present to witness a surprised Toni-ann receive her award from Andrea Oughton, Deputy Chief Commissioner for Girlguiding Anglia, during Supanova, a weekend residential event for Guides, which Toni-ann had helped to organise.

Kerrie Thackray, PR Coordinator 07736684617
Girlguiding Cambridgeshire East

Editor's note: Although Toni-ann is based at Brinkley, many Guides from Linton village will remember going on Camps organised by her.

Friends of River Granta

Weaving the woody brash between the fence posts.

Picture supplied by Helen

THIS newly formed group saw out the old year with two events at the recreation ground.

The first was a well-attended litter pick on Sunday 1st December. Ten volunteers (children and adults) gathered to pick along the riverbank, undergrowth and the ditch close to the skateboard ramp.

An hour later we had gleaned several bags full of sweet wrappers, bottles and cans, along with half an office chair, a child's bike, and a boomerang. You never know what you might find.

The second event was a practical conservation task carried out on Monday 9th December at a sharp meander of the river. Under supervision from Rob Mungovan, a fluvial ecologist from the Wild Trout Trust, another ten or so volunteers first harvested material from nearby trees, then sank fence posts into the riverbed. The final task was to weave the woody brash between the posts, tramping it down and tying it to the posts to secure it in place.

This vital work has softened the meander, creating a valuable habitat for freshwater invertebrates and small fish.

Both events were a great success. Thanks to Rob Mungovan and to all who volunteered their time, energy and support, from sourcing the invaluable chest waders, to providing much appreciated refreshments.

The group is planning more events like these. If you would like to get involved, please get in touch – you will be very welcome.

Helen Brookes , 07812 988917
helen.Brookes44@gmail.com

Road works 10th February for six weeks

WORKS on the junction of the A1307 with Linton High Street are planned to start on 10th February for around six weeks.

We will be installing a new set of traffic lights at the junction to help road users travelling from Linton High Street onto the A1307 Cambridge Road. These new traffic lights will control road traffic and the pedestrian crossing and aim to make the junction safer for all road users.

Most of the work will be undertaken during the day between 9.30am and 3.30pm on weekdays only.

Please see the project's web page for further details of the road works.

If you have any concerns specific to construction, please contact Skanska's project team on A1307schemes@skanska.co.uk or telephone their 24-hour contact centre on 0330 105 1980.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about the project in general, please do not hesitate to email us at contactus@greatercambridge.org.uk or phone 01223 699906.

Paul Hinsley
Project Manager

See more details on the Cambridge South East Project page

Editor's notes

FIRST of all a big thank you to all those who responded to last month's plea for help. Now we are in urgent need of a new treasurer, as our existing treasurer is standing down after a number of years of stirling work. Could you be our next treasurer?

However we had a wonderful offer of historical articles from Gilly Cunningham of Bartlow see page 6. If anyone else has tales to tell of the past or history of building in our area - please get in touch.

Now a further plea – please could you use the paper diary in the Post Office. It is in a purple box file on or near the cash machine which is on the right near to the back as you go in.

Enter details of your event four to six weeks ahead of the date of the event – or it might not get in the paper in time, this has happened a few times recently. For example if the first Monday is say on 6th of the month, and your event is on the 3rd of the month, it should be advertised in the month before (see the July issue – if it is on 3rd July you need to get the event in the June issue which has a deadline of 13th May)

Remember that the date of delivery is the weekend before the first Monday of the month.

By doing all this, you are also helping to ensure that there are no clashes of events in the village.

To help you work out when to notify us of an event, a list of deadline dates is given below, with production and delivery dates for the year.

2020 Diary Dates for the Linton News

	Deadline for articles	Delivery weekend
February issue	15th January	1st and 2nd Feb
March issue	12th February	29th Feb and 1st March
April issue	18th March	4th and 5th April
May Issue	15th April	2nd and 3rd May
June issue	13th May	30th and 31st May
July issue	17th June	4th and 5th July
August issue	15th July	1st and 2nd August
September issue	19th August	5th and 6th September
October issue	16th September	3rd and 4th October
November issue	14th October	31st October and 1st November
December issue	18th November	5th and 6th December
January 2021	9th December	2nd and 3rd January

Fran Armes Editor

Too good for jumble...

NEWLY on offer this month is a brand new Cosy Comfort single electric under-blanket and a brand new (sealed) white polyester 13.5tog quilt. The child's bed which measures approximately 2ft 9in x 2ft 6in is still available.

Arthur Rank received £20 from the sale of the cot and the pink mountain bike raised £20 for the British Heart Foundation. If you are interested in any of the above or have an item to sell to benefit a charity, please phone Kate France on 891602 or email kfrance@profsoundconsult.com.

NB: The donor chooses the charity to benefit.

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Once you have registered for online access you can then also register for the NHS App. With this app you can:-

- Check your symptoms
- Find out what to do if you need help urgently
- Register to be an organ donor
- Choose how the NHS uses your data

Further information about the NHS App can be found at www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/nhs-services/the-nhs-app/

Sandra East, Granta Communications
sandra.east@nhs.netw

Cambridgeshire archives

THE wait is finally over and the move to Ely is complete.

All archive material previously based at the Shire Hall, Cambridge has been relocated to The Dock, Ely, CB7 4GS

Contact details

The website, telephone number and email remain the same as before

https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/archives

01223 699399, cambs.archives@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Directions

- By train and on foot it is a five-minute walk from Ely Railway Station,
- By road follow signs for the station near the Tesco Superstore,
- By bus take the number nine bus from Cambridge. The bus stops at Tesco (two-minute walk)

The opening hours are

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9.30am to 5pm.

Closed Monday and Friday.

On the third Saturday each month: 10am to 4pm (by appointment only, book by noon previous Thursday).

It is recommended that you contact the facility in advance if you are planning to visit. They can then confirm whether the records you wish to see are available and reserve you a space as this is a shared facility.

Margaret Creek, 893915
Email: ldhscambs@pobroadband.co.uk

Bartlow three counties charity Walk 2020

The walk logo

Picture supplied by Hetty

IT is time to start planning ahead in your new 2020 diaries and calendars. The charity walk this year will be on Sunday 3rd May. This is the weekend before the changed V.E. bank holiday weekend.

More details of the local charities involved and tickets sales will be available soon.

Dust off your walking boots and tell your family, friends and dogs. We hope to see you all there.

Walk co-ordinator , Duncan Ogilvy 893644
Written by Hetty Findlay 890353

Infant School

AS I write this, the sun is shining and a feeling of Spring is in the air. However, I am sure it is just a blip in the weather as it is only the beginning of January. Next week could be snow.

Our new topic of Who's That Trip Trapping Over My Bridge? has started and the children are all looking forward to a boat trip in Cambridge along the River Cam, along with a visit to the Museum of Technology. We also have an exciting morning planned where parents will work with children to build bridges from recycled materials. I am not sure who will be the most competitive, parents or children.

Following last term, when we were showing prospective new parents around our school, our Year 2 children have been visiting Linton Heights Junior School to start the transition process. Time marches on and it is never felt more than in the school environment.

Our PTFA is continuing to work hard, raising much needed funds for the school. We are holding our ever popular Quiz and Supper night on Friday 28th February (tickets available soon) and I hope to see many of you there. They are also planning a wine tasting evening for May which, again, I am sure will be very popular. Thank you from the staff and children to you all for supporting these events.

Kelly Harries, Headteacher

Family Centre

SOUTH Cambridgeshire Child and Family Centre would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. South Cambridgeshire Child and Family Centres have outreach venues around South Cambridgeshire, one of them being in Linton based in the Cathodeon centre beside the library.

We are a service for families with children aged from nought to 19 years. From 10am -11.30am on Tuesdays we hold Stay and Play sessions which are aimed at children aged up to five years, extending to those aged eight in the February half term. In the afternoon we hold a lovely baby group for babies aged up to 12 months, this is a great opportunity to meet new parents. A new session that has been introduced in Linton is Messy Play; this is every Thursday from 1.30pm – 2.30pm for children aged nought to five years and again up to eight years in the February half term. For the messy play session we advise you to come along in your old clothes and to bring a towel as it may get very messy. All sessions cost £2 per family and you do not need to book. We look forward to meeting you all soon.

Emma Chipps, Business Officer, 01954 28467

Linton Library News

CAMPER VAN fans, please mosey along to Linton Library to enjoy our new special display celebrating this iconic holiday vehicle. It's a great time of year to be dreaming of a long summer road trip.

In half term from 10.30am-noon on Tuesday 18th February, there will be a drop-in craft activity for children. Make a four-seasons tree. No need to book, just turn up. £1 per child.

One of our library borrowers is taking part in a project to up-cycle soft-foil crisp packets into emergency bivvy bags for rough sleepers (find out how this is done by visiting Facebook @crisp.packet.project). Please bring empty, un-torn crisp packets to our collection point.

We also continue to collect used stamps in support of the RSPCA, so please save these and hand them in at the desk.

Adventures in reading: we once again invite you to go on a blind date with a book during the month of St Valentine. Pick from a wide range of books, wrapped up to conceal their identities. Will you stick with a tried and trusted genre, or take a chance on something different? The decision is yours.

Anna McMahon.

Linton Heights Trainee Teachers

WE are two trainee teachers from Cambridge University. Linton Heights Junior School is our second of three placement schools that we spend time with during our course. Whilst we are here, we will be based with Mr Wilson in Year 3. In total, we have the privilege of being at Linton Heights for eight weeks.

The children and teachers at Linton have been amazing and so welcoming. It has been fantastic getting stuck into school life by teaching lessons, supporting groups of children, getting involved in Forest school and learning about lesson planning.

During our first couple of weeks at the school we felt fully immersed as we were able to go with the school to the Christmas pantomime, which has been one of our favourite experiences so far. Our first Ceilidh (weekly celebration assembly) was also very memorable. It is so great seeing the children being celebrated for all their hard work and really highlighted the amazing relationship the staff and children have.

We have already experienced many wonderful things that make this school so special. Most importantly, we have found the school is a fun, happy and caring environment. We are so grateful for the support we have received from all the staff. Already, we have learnt so much.

This term we will be involved in helping with the Year 3 play, which will be fantastic. We will also be taking on more teaching responsibility about which we are both very excited. We look forward to hopefully meeting some of you during our time here.

Miss Sherriff and Mr Singleton

Chestnut playgroup Linton

WE had a great start to 2020 here at Chestnuts. We had an exciting visit from ZooLab, where the children were taken on an action-packed adventure about the rainforest through exciting stories and meeting some animals along the way. The children then learnt about the importance of the rainforest and we followed this theme throughout January through various activities. Some of the animals they met were a snake, a cockroach and a frog to name a few.

We have also been nominated to do a bucket collection at Tesco Fulbourn on 14th March, please help us raise as much money as we can through the donations by sharing this news with friends and family and get them say "hi" and throw in some coins.

We are busier than ever before, so we are operating a waiting list for this academic year. Looking forward to September, we will have some limited availability for children due to start school both in 2021 and 2022 so please do get in touch if you would like to consider Chestnut Playgroup for your child/children.

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 we are open.

Please contact our Administrator to arrange a visit or for further information. admin@chestnutplaygroup.org.uk. 07342 900120.

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Pre-school and toddler group

THIS half term we are focusing on different types of transport, looking into the roles they play and how different types help us. We have started preparations with our Pre-Schoolers to support them with their transition to school.

We would like to thank everyone that came along and supported us at our Jumble sale: we will be using the proceeds to pay for our end-of-academic-year trip. We will be having an open morning on the 4th March to give prospective parents an insight into how our setting works.

We are continuing with our toddler group on Tuesday mornings from 9.30 to 11.30am, However, we will be re-launching it after February half-term on Monday 24th February. The change of day is based on points highlighted in a recent survey which revealed a need for a Monday group. We will be having sensory play, outdoor play, healthy snacks, and we'll be ending with singing and music time. It's a perfect opportunity for parents to link up with one another, ask for advice, and be signposted to organisations for support if needed. With the toddler group being based next door to our playgroup, it makes for a smooth transition to the next stage of the children's learning adventure.

If you would like to find out any information about our setting or to book a visit, please call 07806 744864.

Linton Granta Playgroup team

Spring is coming to Granta school

WITH half term upon us and winter slowly fading to make way for spring, we are looking ahead to the warmer weather and lighter days that this will bring.

As part of our vision in promoting education, progress, confidence and joy, our goal was to introduce a Wellbeing curriculum into our timetable. We are pleased to tell you that this was achieved last term; and along with our forest school, varied activities and scheduled class trips we continue to enrich our student's education. Our wellbeing sessions provide happiness and calm in their day, and we have seen the positive impact it has had on their learning and behaviour, which we hope to see continue into the foreseeable future.

We have also updated and implemented our new look website. Please do take a look and let us know what you think. www.granta.cambs.sch.uk/website

Dates for the diary: World book day 5th March 2020

Emma Jennings, Communication Officer

Linton Music Series

Daphna and her double bass
Photo supplied by Linton Music series

DAPHNA SADEH and the Eastern Strings Ensemble bring their unique interpretations of Jazz, Baroque and Middle Eastern music to Linton Village College on Saturday, 1st February 2020.

Performed on the double bass, oud, piano, drums and accordion, this music is colourful, accessible and melodic and should appeal to a wide range of listeners including children.

Ticket prices: £15 Adults, £13 Concessions, £3 Students under 21, £30 Family ticket. Tickets are available from Sweet Talk News, 70 High Street, Linton, on the door, or online at www.lintonmusicseries.co.uk

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Readers write...

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

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

Dear Editor

In the latest edition of Parish Council Matters, I noticed that Cllr Enid Bald is canvassing letters to support a transport hub at the end of Bartlow Road and A1307.

In October I wrote to the Parish Council to express my concerns about the proposal. These were that the site was bordering on three counties, and it is an ideal location for the County Lines Drug Dealers to congregate and exchange their drugs. There are many escape routes from the area as spotters will tip dealers off once they see police cars making towards the location.

It will be a magnet for vandalism and encourage anti-social behaviour especially at night with cars racing up and down the A1307,doing hand brake turns and being encouraged by other drivers waiting for their turn. The location is out of sight and will be subjected to fly-tipping and for travellers to take up residence.

The question I would ask is, "Has there been a risk assessment carried out?" I think the short answer is "No."

I am still waiting for the Parish Council to acknowledge my communication.

Name and address withheld

News from St Mary's

Rooted

MEMBERS of St Mary's warmly invite parents with young children to join us for a new fortnightly gathering, in the Activity Room of the Child and Family Centre (next to Linton Library) on Fridays.

Rooted is somewhere to share a delicious soup and cheese lunch, and (while the children play) watch a short video or share a story to stimulate conversation about important things, such as relationships, mental health, and the meaning of life.

Very often gatherings of parents tend to focus on issues of child-care, but we think parents appreciate the chance to talk about other things, too.

Feel free to bring your handicrafts to get on with while we talk. We promise that discussion will be open-ended, and all views welcome, but as it's church-sponsored, you can expect thoughts about how God might fit into our concerns to be part of the mix.

Please don't be shy - give it a try on Fridays 14th February, 6th and 20th March from 12.30 – 2.30. No charge. Donation box for lunch.

Maggie Guite, Rector of St Mary's
rector@stmaryslinton.org.uk

Your Church Needs You

WE are looking to make a number of changes to the building of St Mary's Church in Linton to make it more welcoming and better able to be a facility which the whole village can use and enjoy.

Amongst these changes are plans to improve the lighting, provide a small kitchenette for refreshments and move and renovate the organ.

Whilst we have identified some funding for these projects, we are in need of someone who has experience in writing grant applications to help us. If you are interested or need more information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

David Watts (Churchwarden),
david.watts@stmaryslinton.org.uk.

Companion Planting

OUR speaker at the first Garden Club meeting of the New Year was Peter Jackson. The title of his talk was *Companion planting and related organic gardening principles*. Companion planting is good for wildlife and pollination, it is also makes it possible to control pests without using harmful spraying.

Pennyroyal is a plant which can be used to get rid of ants, planting spring onions and shallots between the rows of carrots helps reduce carrot fly. Sowing dates are also important when planting between the rows of vegetables. Calendula and French Marigold need to be flowering in time to deter slugs and snails from munching our precious crops.

Encourage pollinators with bee and insect friendly plants. Install an insect box for bees, hoverfly and lacewings. The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) website has advice on helping bees.

Grow plants which will encourage insects and grow them from seed and cuttings which costs less than purchasing them. Plants such as Nepita, Lavender and Thyme can be cut back and they will flower again, Nepita will do so two or three times.

Peter Jackson stressed that we need to know friends from foe in the insect world in our gardens. Ladybird larvae may look unpleasant but adult and larvae feed on aphids.

Our next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th February in the Village Hall. As always visitors are welcome. Tim Freathy will talk about the 12-year journey of Depden Care Farm near Bury St Edmunds. It is a six-acre garden/orchard run by the Millenium Farm Trust which offers people with learning disabilities, mental health issues and similar, the opportunity to learn skills in horticulture, agriculture and animal husbandry.

Anita Daws, 892113, lgcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk

Associated Countrywomen of the world

LESLEY Challands, vice chair of the public affairs committee from Cambridge Federation, gave a talk on ACWW, an organisation which represents over nine million rural women in more than 80 countries, and whose officials are based all over the world. Rural women are the backbone of families yet often remain unsupported and unprotected. It is completely funded by donations (the Cambridge Federation donating approximately £1,500 a year).

ACWW aims are to empower rural women, give them a voice and fund projects such as dried fish production, mushroom farming, pig farming (one piglet from a litter being handed back to ACWW as interest) and solar panels in a maternity hospital in Uganda to give lights at night.

ACWW also educates on FGM (female genital mutilation), working with the locals to come up with alternatives, and breast feeding. All projects are monitored by representatives on the ground.

Lesley's hero is Madge Watts, a founding member of ACWW and of the first WI in Canada in the 1900s, and who helped set up the first WI in Britain, in Wales. Linton WI gives £1 out of each member's subs every year to ACWW, for which Lesley thanked members.

After her talk, Lesley gave a demonstration of Tunisian crochet, which she learned at Denman College, and is a mixture of knitting and crochet which gives a much thicker, denser knit, especially good for blankets. She showed us some examples of her crochet work, and then members were given the opportunity to have a go themselves.

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on 4th February in the Village Hall, when the talk is entitled *The Kitchen Cat* by storyteller, Marion Leeper. Please come along and join us and meet new people. You can come as a visitor for a small fee. There are many different outings and events to go on once you join. You will be most welcome.

Sally Probets 891021

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Call 893619 for an audio version of the Linton News.

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

WEEKLY

Kurling, Mondays, 2-3pm VH
Beacon Astro football, Mondays, 3.05-4.30pm LVC
Netball, Monday evenings, 6pm junior, 7.30pm adult LVC
Linton Granta football bingo, Mondays, 7pm Pavilion
Men's keep fit, Mondays, 8-9.30pm LVC sports centre
Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701)
Linton Air Cadets, Mon and Thurs, 7-9.30pm (07717 801056) LVC
Scrabble club, alternate Tuesdays,10am-12noon CP
Chestnut Playgroup, Monday-Friday, 9am-2.30pm CC
Linton Granta Playgroup, Mon-Fri, 8.30am-2.30pm LVC
Linton Granta Toddler grp, Tuesdays term-time 9.30-11.30 LVC
Stay and Play, Tuesdays, 10am-11.30am CC
LALA, Tuesdays,10-11.45am,term-time. VH
Bumps to babies, Tuesdays, 1- 2.30pm CC
Storytime, Tuesdays, 2-2.30pm, term-time Library
Granta duplicate bridge club, Tuesdays, 2-4pm VH
Beacon Red Zone youth club, Tuesdays, 7-8.30pm LVC
IT club-computer help, Tuesdays, 7pm CC
Linton chess club, Tuesdays, 7.30pm CC
Tots in tow, Wednesdays, 9.30-11am, term-time only VH
Walking netball, Wednesdays, 6-7pm, LVC sports centre
Jelly Beans playgroup, Thursdays, 9.30-11.30am URC
Computer buddies, Thursdays, 2-4pm Library
Beacon drop-in club, Thursdays, 5.30-7pm RG
Cricket club, Thursdays, 6-8pm LVC
Art Factory, Thursdays 1-3pm from 9th Jan URC
Linton Army Cadets, Thursdays, 7-9pm LH
Beacon Youth Group, Fridays, 7-8.30pm, URC
Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, Fridays, 9.15-10am CP
St Mary's choir, Some Fridays,7.30-9pm ring 894715 St Mary's
Linton Bridge club, Fridays, 7pm, CC

For sports centre courses please call LVC sports centre on 890248

FEBRUARY 2020

1 Farmers'Market, 9am-12noon VH
1 Linton Music Series, 7.30pm LVC
3 Camera club, 7pm, VH
4 Womens' Institute, 7.30pm VH
6 Luncheon club, 12 noon, Red Lion, Horsheath
9 Lighthouse, 10.15am-12noon URC
9 Film, Paddington 2, 4.30pm, St Marys
10 Whist Drive, 7.30pm VH
11 VIP group, 2pm Chalklands
11 Gardening club, 7.30pm VH
13 ACE Soup and rolls and talk, 12noon to 2pm RG Pavilion
14 Rooted, 12.30-2.30,Child and family centre, CC
16 Walking group, 11am, Church Lane
16 Messy Church, 4pm St Mary's church
18 Historical Society, 7.30pm VH
19 Cambridgeshire hearing help, 9.30am-12 noon HC
20 Parish council meeting, 7.30pm CC
21 Daylight readers, 10.30am Library
28 Quiz and supper, 8pm LIS

MARCH 2020

2 Camera club, 7pm, VH
3 Womens' Institute, 7.30pm VH
5 Luncheon club, 12 noon, Red Lion, Horsheath
7 Farmers'Market, 9am-12noon VH
7 Come and Sing, 1pm to 7pm St Mary's
7 Guides' jumble sale, 2pm LIS
8 Lighthouse, 10.15am-12noon URC
14 Rooted, 12.30-2.30, Child and family centre, CC

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

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New at the Sports Centre

I WOULD like to introduce myself as the new Centre Manager at Linton Community Sports Centre. I have ten years leisure management experience and am determined to make the centre a thriving leisure environment in addition to becoming a hub for the community.

It's been a very busy first two months for me at the Centre and as you can see from the picture we have had brand new cardiovascular equipment installed, and our strength equipment has been reupholstered in addition to our utility benches having new pads. I am very excited with the new design of the fitness suite and will be looking to continue improving it to provide excellent customer service for new and existing users.

New equipment in Linton Community Sports Centre
Photo supplied by Sam

Things for the community to keep an eye out for are new fitness classes, which I am hoping to introduce in the New Year, in addition to instructor led fitness suite classes and programmes designed for users' needs.

We also have our other facilities for clubs, groups or friends to participate in a multitude of sports and community activities. These include two sports halls, a dance studio, 3g pitch, tennis courts, grass pitches and meeting areas.

If you have any enquiries, whether it be for a casual one off booking or a fitness suite enquiry, please contact the centre on 890248 or to make a booking online visit lintonsc.schoolhire.co.uk.

Samuel Pollard, Sports Centre Manager

What's on at Wandlebury

Part of Cambridge Past Present and Future

THIS month's events are:

Volunteer Conservation Work Party

This takes place between 10am and 1pm on Tuesday 4th February, at Wandlebury.

All instruction, equipment and tools provided. Wear tough clothes and footwear and bring packed lunch. No need to book, just turn up. Meet at the car park noticeboard.

Weekly Walking for Health walks

These take place at Wandlebury every Thursday throughout the year with either a 10am or 10.30am start and are led by an enthusiastic group of trained volunteers. The first is slightly faster while the second is more leisurely. Each walk lasts around 30 minutes and covers about 1.5 miles. Teas and coffees are available afterwards.

NB: Free of charge and no need to book. If you want to take part for the first time then please arrive 10 minutes early to register. The meeting point is the Stables Education Centre. Donations towards the upkeep of the park are always welcome.

Holiday Bushcraft sessions

These are from 8.30am to 4pm on Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th February

Holiday Bushcraft at Wandlebury is designed for children ages five to 12 and is run by experienced, qualified teachers from Wild Thyme & Ember. All basic bushcraft techniques suitable for this age range will be taught, including shelter building, knots, plant recognition, woodcrafts, fire lighting and wilderness cooking, use of cutting tools and whittling, arts, crafts and much more.

NB: There is a cost and booking is essential. Children need to bring a packed lunch and large water bottle and dress for the weather (you must ask for more details). Wild Thyme will take care of everything else, including providing all specialist equipment and snacks cooked on the fire!

For booking and further information visit wildthymeandembers.co.uk/holiday-bushcraft-club

For more details of all events go to www.cambridgeppf.org

Linton Clockmaker

WHAT do you know about Edward Samm of Linton?" was the question posed to Linton and District Historical Society by a correspondent in Devon, who has in his possession a bracket clock with this name on the dial and believed to date from the mid-18th century. The clock is as depicted in the photograph on the right.

The immediate answer was nothing! The name was completely unknown to us and an initial thought was that it was not Linton in Cambridgeshire but one of our other namesakes in the UK. However, on researching the Parish Registers for St Mary's, we found that there was indeed a Samm (or Samms) family in Linton during the 18th and 19th centuries and several references to Edward, a clockmaker, born about 1723, died in 1774 and buried at St Mary's.

Further research will be necessary but in the meantime is it possible that other clocks survive in the Linton area made by him? We would be very interested to know how prolific he was in this trade, and if anyone does possess such a clock dating from this period, we would be pleased to hear about it. Any information would be treated as totally confidential and with strict privacy.

The clock in Question
Photo supplied by Frank

If you do have any information please contact me see below..

Frank Appleyard, 892255,
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Sawston Village College Adult Learning

NEW year, new challenges. Why not challenge yourself to try something new?

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Our Family Workshops

These take place on Saturday 7th March, and include *Bollywood Dance, Cookery, Art*, and *Blast off into Spanish*.

These workshops are aimed at children over the age of eight, with a maximum of two children per parent/carer. The cost will be £10 per child, adults free. There will be an additional charge for cookery ingredients.

Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page @sawstonadulted for updates and booking information.

Adult Workshops

These fabulous workshops are running on Saturday 14th March.

They include *Mindfulness, Meditation for health and wellbeing, Indian Street Food, Drums for beginners, Sugar Flowers, Bollywood and Contemporary Dance, Fused glass jewellery*, and *Creative writing*. Costs range from £21 to £42 depending on the course.

There are places available on some of our weekly courses which can be joined at any time in the term.

For information on all our courses, please visit our website www.sawstonadulted.org or contact us on community@sawstonvc.org or call 712424.

Claire Walpole
Lettings & Adult Learning Administrator

Upcoming workshops at Linton Village College

WE have a selection of workshops available on Saturday 14th March.

Firstly, a family workshop – Hand-tied Posy for Mum, Saturday morning 9.30am-12.30pm. Cost £10 per adult and £3 for children.

All other workshops cost £45 and run from 10am until 4pm. Some have an additional materials cost.

- Upholstery — re-upholster a small item of furniture, like a small chair, using the correct methods.
- Writing life stories — learn the skills required and various ways of tackling a project.
- Mother's Day vase and flowers handmade in felt — Make a beautiful picture.
- Functional maths, Excel — improve your skills.

To book a place on a workshop please email adult.education@lvc.org or telephone 891223 Ext 303 or 317 or take a look at our website www.lintonvillagecollegeadultlearning.co.uk where you will find further information about our courses..

Margaret Kiddy, Adult Education & Lettings Manager

Camsight VIPs

The Cambridge Charity for people with low vision and blindness

AT our December meeting, we held our Christmas lunch prepared by our volunteers: turkey and ham with potatoes and vegetables, wine or fruit juice, followed by trifle, mince pies and tea or coffee with mint chocolates.

This was accompanied by music and singing from Beanie, a regular visitor who played old and new favourites and of course Christmas carols.

At our January meeting, we had a jolly quiz given by Sally Nott, our co-ordinator from Camsight in Cambridge, who attends all our meetings.

Sally regularly updates us with information about the different kinds of support available, and will be bringing samples of practical aids for home use to demonstrate at our meetings.

This was followed by our raffle and afternoon tea.

Our next meeting will be at 2pm on Tuesday, 11th February at the Chalklands Centre in Linton, when a talk will be given on how to protect ourselves from scammers.

If you would like any further information, please contact us on the number below.

Jean Mannion, 893595

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Schedule of Camsight VIP meetings in Linton:

- **Jan – June 2pm**
- **Sep – November 2pm**
- **July and December 1pm (Summer and Christmas lunches)**
- **No meeting in August.**

These meetings take place on the second Tuesday in the month at the Chalklands Centre.

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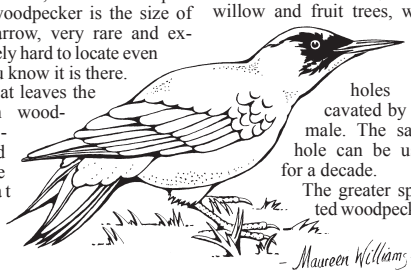
COUNTRY MATTERS

Text by Oriel O'Loughlin and illustrated by Maureen Williams

Woodpeckers bringing spring to mind

SOMETIMES I think I should write seasonal articles, but perhaps a more pleasant alternative for February is to present an image of spring to give us all something to look forward to. Shut your eyes and imagine woodpeckers drumming in the woods with sunlight coming through the leaves and a carpet of bluebells….

We have just three of the 240 types of woodpeckers in the world. For most of us this means two, as the lesser spotted woodpecker is the size of a sparrow, very rare and extremely hard to locate even if you know it is there. So that leaves the green woodpecker and the great spotted.



– Maureen Williams –

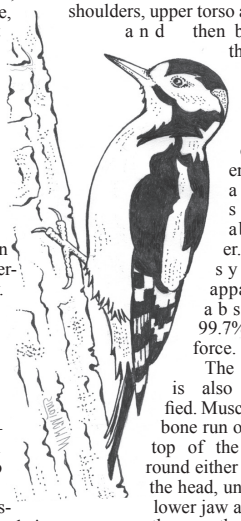
The green woodpecker, picus viridis, is bigger than a thrush, large, green, with a glistening red cap, a yellow rump and long deep swoops in flight. It has a long strident laugh and gives a staring impression. It is quite sedentary, low on the ground, short legged and is often spotted on lawns or resting on its stiff notched tail up a tree or post. Its tongue is 10cm long and it searches for ants. A study was done on a clutch of seven woodpecker chicks. Over a 20-day period it was estimated that 1.5 million ants were consumed. Snow on the ground for any length of time spells doom for these handsome creatures. It rarely drums and nests in oak, beech, willow and fruit trees, with holes excavated by the male. The same hole can be used for a decade.

The greater spotted woodpecker, dendrocopos major, has totally different traits. It is the size of a thrush, with black and white spotted wings, a white shoulder patch, with the male sporting extraordinary red shorts and a red nape patch.

The female has a black nape and smaller red bloomers. You can hear them a way off, either by a squeaky rattle, or drumming against wood, a loud hollow sounding fast rattle for just a second.

They hang upside down like a tit, eating conifer seeds. To extract seeds from the cone, the woodpecker wedges the cone in a crack in a tree and uses its long tongue. You can spot piles of cones underneath trees as a giveaway. In cold weather it visits bird tables but is very cautious and occasionally preys on nest boxes for eggs and nestlings. Dead and dying trees are a great source of food – they spot larvae and other insects and peck to get at them.

And here is the big issue – how do they not beat their brains out with all that drumming? It is because their skulls are cushioned by a matrix of tiny air pockets, supported by strengthened bone tissue. It pecks propped up on its tail.



The muscles in the neck absorb the shock of pecking from the head and transmit it to the shoulders, upper torso and tail and then back to the tree. A circular dispersal of energy and a natural shock absorber. This system apparently absorbs 99.7% of the force.

The tongue is also modified. Muscles and bone run over the top of the brain, round either side of the head, under the lower jaw and into the mouth, where the two meet to form the extra long and strong tongue.

Oh and one last thing – the eyelids close to prevent the eyes popping out while drumming

A new beauty shop opens in Linton

ON December 23rd I launched my new venture - You Beauty. A big thank you to everyone who attended the launch so close to Christmas, and for everyone's kind words and support. Having started my career in the beauty industry more than six years ago, it's always been a lasting ambition of mine to create You Beauty.

The beauty industry changes at a rapid pace, but I always strive to filter out the best treatments that will benefit us all individually. I like to work closely with clients and set goals, so we achieve the best results from our treatments. Everyone is different and I always live by this. What might work for one, may not be right for another, that's why we ensure that a tailored consultation is carried out prior to a creating a treatment plan, so that it works for you.

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If you haven't already, please feel free to pop in for a chat and to see what we have to offer. There is currently a 20% discount on treatments costing over twenty pounds until the end of February.

Valentine's day and Mother's Day are just around the corner so treat yourself or a loved one to a gift voucher.

Keep your eyes peeled for lots of exciting updates in the months to come.

Find us at You Beauty Cambridge (The old post office), 5 Balsham Road, Linton CB21 4LD.

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Charlotte Patterson, 668400, hello@youbeautycambridge.

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The post office transformed

Photo supplied by Charlotte

POT POURRI 179

Pot Pourri 179 - An Average test.

I HAD to take a certain number of General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) tests before being allowed to have access to people's personal data.

At the end of all the tests, the overall mark was taken as being the average (mean) of the tests.

Before the last test I would have to score 97 in order to average 90. However, if I only scored 73, I would still achieve an average of 87. How many tests were set?

Pot Pourri 178 - How many Days spent Christmas Shopping?

On the first day £49.59 was spent which rearranged as a 4 digit number of greatest and least number becomes as follows;

4959 => 9954 - 4599 = 5355 hence £53.55 on the second day.

5355 => 5553 - 3555 = 1998	£19.58 on the third day.
1998 => 9981 - 1899 = 8082	£80.82 on the fourth day.
8082 => 8820 - 0288 = 8532	£85.32 on fifth day.
8532 => 8532 - 2358 = 6174	£61.74 on sixth day.
6174 => 7641 - 1467 = 6174	£61.74 on seventh day

and no more days!

Thus: Christmas cost £412.34.

NB: If you take any four-digit number (providing all the digits are not all the same), and use the above method, you always end up with the same number.

Urania

Jumble sale

LINTON Guides annual jumble sale will be held at 2pm on Saturday 7th March at Linton Infant School. All donations will be gratefully appreciated and can be left at the hall on the day from 10am. Collections can be made in the morning by calling 891925 or 891602

Kate France

Hildersham jam stall

IN December, we sent £307 to the East Anglia Children's Hospices (EACH), making a grand total of £627 donated in 2019. This is a magnificent increase of £126 on our 2018 donation.

Thank you to everyone for your continuing support. We also much appreciate all the donations of preserves, produce, jars and lid-covers.

Jill Heale, 893596

Quiz and supper at the Infant School

THE Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA) of Linton CE Infant School are holding a Quiz and Supper evening at 7.30pn on Friday 28th February in the school hall.

Alongside this event we will be running an Auction of Promises.

Tickets are priced at £10 each (max 8 people per team) and can be booked at the school office. The deadline for booking is Friday 14th February.

Kate Darke 891421

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The Marsh mail

THE spring term is always a key turning point in the year. There are the obvious physical signs; the days are very slowly getting lighter and buds are beginning to appear.

The spring term is also a key time for our Year 11s with a tangible shift in attitudes. Students have sat their mock exams and have now completed their post-16 applications. Students' focus is now very clearly on finishing their courses and starting revision. It can be a bewildering and confusing time. At times like this I am always impressed by the care and dedication of the teachers and support staff in working with the students.

When I have conversations with staff about students at this time of year, it is so clear that teaching is a vocation for them as well as a profession. The concern of the staff for the students is genuinely touching to witness.

Anticipating the future, as far as one can, is also crucial in preparing younger students for life after LVC. The College tries to start this process well in advance. In January, over 130 Year 9s participated in the *Eyes on the Prize* event at Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge where they explored post-16 education and career routes. This event, combined with the Year 9 core exams at the end of January, feeds into students and parents/carers discussing GCSE choices later in the term. It is interesting how the penny starts dropping for students that life after LVC is only a couple of years away.

On a lighter note, the College hosted a wonderful musical Jazz and Sparkle get together on a mid-January, Saturday evening. The College main hall was packed as the audience enjoyed great performances by students, Linton Jazz and the Belles Choir. The final piece involved all the performers and provided a fantastic culmination to the night's events. All money raised went towards REACH and the LVC Music Department. We are very grateful to the parents/carers for organising the event. It was another wonderful example of the Henry Morris ethos of the Village College being at the heart of the community.

Finally, I have received a few questions about my reference to Austria's favourite pensioner in the December newsletter. My apologies for any confusion, I was referring to Arnold Schwarzenegger and his famous "I will be back" quote. I will endeavour to make my popular culture references less obscure and not quite so dated in the future.

Doug Brechin, Assistant Principal

Linton and District Historical Society

THE theme of our final talk of 2019 was Beer and Spirits: Haunted Hostelries of Cambridge. This was given by Julie Bounford at our Christmas meeting.

Julie gave accounts of reported sightings in a number of locations in this area. Some of the public houses are now private houses, a case in point being *The Bell* in Linton where it is said an Elizabethan gentleman frequented the establishment and was seen walking on his knees, until a building renovation revealed the original floor to be half a metre lower!

Another pub which no longer exists is the *White Hart Inn*, Little Abington where tales of sightings of local highwayman Jeremiah Lagden have been reported. Jeremiah, who was born in the 18th century, is now depicted resplendent on horseback on the village sign.

The *Dog and Duck*, Linton remains a public house, so don't be concerned if you are tapped on the shoulder; it's only the elderly man who sits in the corner responding to hearing something he finds annoying; maybe he's also responsible for moving chairs around in the bar during night as well?

Oh yes, we must not forget Dick Turpin, despite being born in Hempstead, Essex just over the border, he has been sighted all over Cambridgeshire.

The meeting ended with Trevor, Julie's husband reading an extract from his ghost story The Old Waterman.

Once again, an excellent evening.

Please join us on 18th February for more local history with Janet Morris, a local historian to hear about West Wickham – 100 years ago. Starting 7.30pm at Linton Village Hall, Coles Lane, 7.30pm. There will be a raffle and refreshments. Membership is £12 for the year or £3 for visitors.

All are welcome.

Margaret Creek, 893915
ldhscambs@pobroadband.co.uk

Eminent Bartlovians – The Dower House

Robert Alexander McCance

Bartlow Dower House

Pictures supplied by Gilly

ROBERT Alexander McCance – known to his colleagues as Mac – was a doctor and scientist working at Kings College Hospital, London, when his ground-breaking work on nutrition attracted the attention of Cambridge University.

He accepted an appointment as Reader of Medicine at the University in 1938 on condition that he could bring with him his research technician, Alex Hayne and his research partner, Elsie Widdowson. Mac and his young family moved to the Dower House, Bartlow, in 1939 – just in time to make a vital contribution to the War (World War 2). He has been described as *One of the unsung heroes of public health.*

Before the War, Britain had imported half the meat, more than half the cheese and a third of the eggs the population consumed. If German U-boats crippled food imports, most of the protein in the Country's diet would be lost. Without a balanced diet, the population would weaken and be prey to disease – they certainly wouldn't be fit enough for the hard, physical work that was required in wartime both by the Armed Forces and the civilians.

As experts in nutrition, Mac and Elsie had to answer the question, "Without imported goods can Britain feed itself or will the Germans be able to starve us into defeat?"

Mac and Elsie were known for experimenting on themselves. This time they also recruited student volunteers plus Mac's mother-in-law, Mrs. MacGregor, who owned The Dower House and lived there with the family. In all eight people agreed to live for three months on an experimental diet eating only British grown produce. Each week they could have only one egg, 4oz margarine (no butter at all), one pound of meat and 4oz fish plus a quarter of a pint of milk every day. To make up the necessary calories, unlimited amounts of potatoes, vegetables and wholemeal bread had to be eaten.

To test the diet further, some of the volunteers, led by Mac, successfully completed a 200-mile cycling, walking and mountaineering trip around the Lake District in freezing weather.

However, the diet had its downsides. Firstly, it took ages to eat enough bread and vegetables each day. Secondly, the fibre in the diet caused 250% bigger poos. Finally all the starch led to what Mac described as a remarkable amount of flatus (farting).

The Government introduced rationing in 1940 based on Mac and Elsie's research but, fortunately, thanks to the American convoys the ration was never reduced to the drastic diet they had lived on.

Mac was Chairman of the Royal Navy Committee on *Survival at Sea* and helped design covered inflatable life rafts.

After the War, he and Elsie did vital research on childhood malnutrition both in post-war Germany and in Africa. The composition of the bread we eat today is based on their recommendations.

Mac was made Professor of Experimental Medicine shortly after the War, elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1948 and appointed a Companion of the British Empire in 1953. He continued to live on his experimental diet for the rest of his life and survived until he was 95.

Gilly Cunningham, Bartlow, gillycunningham@talktalk.net

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/4287/19/LB, Justine Lovatt, **13, Green Lane,** To re-thatch rear elevations with water reed.

S/4418/19/RM, Croudace Homes Ltd, **Land South of Wheatsheaf Barn, Horseheath Road**, Approval of matters reserved for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline planning permission S/2553/16/OL for the erection of 42 dwellings including the provision of 0.45ha for allotments.

S/4551/19/DC, Abbey Developments Limited, **Land South Of 69 To 89, Bartlow Road,** Discharge of conditions 2 (Materials) , 4 (Street Management & Maintenance) 7 (Cycle Stores) 8 (Pump Chamber) & 9 (Design of LEAP (Locally Equipped Area of Play) pursuant to application permission S/2501/19/RM.

S/0028/20/NM, Mr K Awbery C/O Agent, **1, Horseheath Road,** Non material amendment of planning permission S/0793/18/FL.

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December's Reports Roundup

GCP/CITY DEAL

Present; Cllrs Chris Hine, Kate Kell, Enid Bald. Mark Mathews and Charlotte Simpson for GCP

Update on the proposed roundabout at Bartlow Road/A1307 junction, tree/hedge planting for screening and noise amelioration, Dean Road crossing, bus lanes, etc.

It remains a concern that the proposed Rural Transport Hub might be refused planning permission. The Joint Development Control Committee who would grant permission for the project are not aware of the need for this to reduce P+R parking in the village centre.

Letters of support would be appreciated- please send to LPC or to me. This site was first proposed by LPC for the benefit of residents and local trade. LPC and ACE have already sent letters of support.

Conservation Area Re-appraisal

Present: Cllr Enid Bald and Angharad Hart.

Volunteers interested in Linton's Outstanding Conservation Area and places of interest are invited to join the group. There will be a new format of appraisals with interactive maps and overlays. These will include not just listed buildings but other heritage assets of social, historic, landmark or rarity value or other merit. The importance of local character and distinctiveness will be recognised and a management plan implemented to improve and enhance the area.

Rivercare

This group was formed by Helen Brookes and supported by LPC.

Two practical meetings were held - litter picking and bank restoration, led by Rob Mungovan the Ecologist for the Wild Trout Trust. This was done when the river was hardly running, but the bank restoration has withstood the recent floods (the river in the village rose by over 4 ft overnight, but the floodplain restoration work at Pocket Park again helped prevent flooding). Thanks to all the volunteers in the river and providing the brushwood - great teamwork!

Enid Bald

What's happening in Linton?

ROAD and pathway repairs!

As you many have read previously, the Parish Council office has been working together closely with the Cambridgeshire County Council Highways Officer to try and ensure that the required road and path repairs are carried out. This led to the recent road repairs to Rivey Way and Rivey Close and the resurfacing of the footpaths down both the north and south side of Balsham Road. There were repair work on Horn Lane road and an application submitted for full resurfacing of the pathways down Horn Lane.

Continuing from here, a meeting was held with the Local Highways Officer on the 16th January 2020 to discuss other necessary repairs due throughout the village. The potholes down Coles Lane and the High Street have been marked up for repair shortly. The Highways Officer and Parish Council have applied for funding for the kerb and footpath repairs through the High Street and Coles Lane, to repair the damage of the kerb edging.

The Parish Council has also submitted an application for funding to the Local Highways Initiative scheme for several projects throughout the village, these include the re-painting of the give way lines next to the fire station on the High Street and the give way and no right turn road markings at the bottom of Rivey Way. Hopefully this is a good start for the new year in maintaining the high standard to our lovely village! Clerk

Parish Council grant funding for 2020!

THERE were 23 funding applications submitted to the Parish Council for the financial year 2020/2021 with the combined amount requested of £50,450.40.

The grants were submitted by a range of applicants, all of which are groups and organisations that are either based in Linton, service Linton or hold events within the village to the benefit of the parishioners.

There are at least 23 active groups, clubs and organisations that offer services in and around Linton to its parishioners, and these are only the ones which have applied for additional funding support! As a Linton resident, I think it is amazing that there is so much on offer within the village by way of activities, support, recreation and events.

The Parish Council (PC) were presented with these applications at the extra-ordinary precept meeting on the 21st November 2019.They reviewed each project and the ways in which the PC could help support them, in line with the budget. From this review, it was decided that the Council would be able to offer an element of funding to 21 of the applicants.

These include, Linton ACE's (Activity and Care for the Elderly) to help fund the Community Warden in conjunction with Age UK. Linton Parish Charities, who offer support for those with lower incomes, the Visually Impaired Group to allow for an event for its members twice in the forthcoming year and Relate Cambridge who offer counselling sessions within the village. Funding was also offered for the Village Hall, the Chalklands Community Garden and the Granta Grapevine, to assist members of the community who are unable to read the Linton News and require audio editions.

Funding was also agreed for Linton Walking Netball, Linton Village Cricket Club, Linton Netball Club and Cambridgeshire Search and Rescue to support the vital work they do within the area.

Linton Granta Playgroup, Chestnuts Playgroup, Tots in Tow and the Linton Infants PTFA also received funding. Funding was also agreed to support the Linton Book Festival, which is a wonderful biennial event that encourages and inspires children to fall in love with reading and use their imaginations.

Linton Jazz and Linton Youth Music received a grant to encourage passions for the arts and allow them to put on events for the enjoyment of the whole village.

The Beacon Youth Trust also received funding, as part of their three-year Service Level Agreement with the Parish Council, to continue to provide support, guidance, advice and activities for the youth element within the village.

The cheques will be presented at the next Annual Meeting of the Parish on Monday 20th April 2020 at 7pm at Linton Village Hall. This is also a great opportunity for the groups and organisations to speak about what they do and offer. All members of the public are welcome to attend and it is a great platform for residents to raise questions or issues with Council. We look forward to seeing you there and I hope you will join me in thanking the organisations for the wonderful services and activities they offer, wishing all of them the best of luck in the forthcoming year.

Clerk

RIP, Pissards Plum. Hello new trees and second Community Orchard?

IT IS with regret that we had to lose the magnificent red-leafed tree on Parsonage Way.

This was a Pissards Plum (a memorable name!) which looked healthy but was, in fact, infected with Phellinus pomaceus - a virulent fungus that causes branches to become brittle and fall. It had to go...

However, under the SCDC Three FreeTrees scheme, we could replace this and the others alongside the path that were lost due to strimmer damage or infection. Suggestions please for similarly striking trees as replacements.

Meanwhile, we have planted 8 trees in the Cemetery. We lost a Rowan following the long, dry summer despite the teams of Councillors and their families who watered newly planted for weeks. Thanks to that small team, we saved 7 Rowans - thank you to The Campbells, Kells and Balds - mighty water carriers, all!

New trees have been planted around the Old Pond Area, so that scheme is nearly complete. We now need more hedging along the boundaries.

Two more fruit trees have been planted at the Community Orchard, which is thriving. Volunteers would be welcome to help with the tree and hedge planting - the current Eco-warriors are getting tired...

The land between Kingfisher Walk and the Granta has been suggested as a second Community Orchard. This land is in the floodplain and cannot be built upon but was once cut regularly and used for recreation. The area was once run by a management group, then by the Residents Association - both now no longer in existence. It seems such a waste of land, but who knows who owns it now? Perhaps a new group could be formed to care for the area and perhaps plant part of it as an orchard?

Let me know and I will forward to the lady who suggested the orchard.

Cllr Enid Bald and Kate Kell, Tree Warden

Planning Updates

BARTLOW Road It might have been the lead up to Christmas, but we were working all through to try to have the perverse SCDC planning decision overturned.

Although we took legal advice and had a case, the financial risks of going to Judicial Review were too great. It is sad that finance might limit justice.

LPC does not feel that the decision process was correct and have sought to have the decision called in for scrutiny. The application was almost identical to the previously refused application, and the appeal decision on that has not been made - that verdict will be interesting.

Meanwhile, we are watching the Granta rise over the floodplain towards the base of the spoil heaps - and that after really rather modest rainfall...

Paynes Meadow The outline application for 26 social houses was refused. Although social and shared equity housing would have been welcomed, the effect on the valued landscape and poor design meant that these were not suitable for the location.

Residents, represented by Mark Ganderton, LPC represented by Enid Bald and supported by Cllrs Batchelor, spoke against the application at the SCDC planning meeting. Thanks to members of the planning committee who understood the many issues that led to the refusal.

Horseheath Road The Reserved Matters application has now arrived - S/4418/19/RM - and is available on the SCDC planning portal or contact the Parish Council office to review these and at LPC office.

Please look at the plans and send comments to SCDC, copied to LPC.

Chairman of the Planning Committee, Cllr Enid Bald

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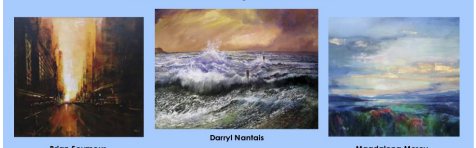
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Parish Council Matters - Council Meeting Minutes

ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton Parish Council (LPC/PC) meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 12th December 2019 at 7:30pm.

APOLOGIES for Absence: Cllr Merrie Mannassi, Cllr Kate Kell, Cllr Carole Campbell, District and County Councillor Henry Batchelor and District Councillor John Batchelor

Councillors' Declarations of Interest: None

Councillor Vacancies; There are currently four vacancies available for co-option.

Chairman's Comment: Thanks to the Planning Committee for all the work they have been doing on the Bartlow Road planning application, with special thanks to Cllrs Enid Bald, John Bald, Kate Kell and Amy Smith and LPC's external consultant, Corrie Newell from CN Historic.

The ACEs Christmas lunch was very successful, this has now been running over 20 years and is continuing to provide intellectual and social activities for people who would otherwise struggle to get out of the house.

Open Forum for Public Participation: A parishioner, Helen Brookes, attended and spoke on the River Granta project. The Friends of the River Granta Group has been working closely with Rob Mungovan from the Wild Trout Trust to protect and restore the rare chalk stream river, of which there are only about 200 in the world.

The group is relatively new; however, they already have 22 members who are all keen to see the success of the project.

The Council were thanked for assisting in providing equipment and Councillor Enid Bald was thanked for her participation. Helen and the group were thanked for setting the group up and off to good start by Council who offered their continued support.

Correspondence item December 18. Linton Air Cadets re the draft of the public marching event. The documents had been circulated in advance allowing Councillors time to review the information. The representative present advised that Granta Medical Practices had been approached regarding the route and expressed no objections.

St Mary's Church has also expressed they will support the event. Cambridgeshire Constabulary would need to be consulted and risk assessments will need to be completed but LPC will be kept updated. Cllr Lee Gardner proposed this is progressed and the Parish Council offer their support, Cllr Enid Bald seconded. **Agreed.**

Introduction to Lizzy Bottrill, The new Youth Worker for Linton on behalf of the Beacon Youth Trust and Romsey Mill. Brief question and answer section. Lizzy introduced herself to council and advised that although she has only been with the Beacon Youth Trust (BYT) a short while, she has been working hard to build relationships with the youth in the parish. The BYT are looking to focus on engaging some of the children which are most at risk of trouble and exclusion. She continued that open access youth clubs are a key focus for inclusivity and acts as a first point of contact and the BYT are working closely with the school to identify individuals who require additional support. All members of the public left the meeting following this item.

To Approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 17th October 2019 and the extra-ordinary Parish Council meeting held on the 21st November 2019 to review the precept.

The minutes of the 17th October were reviewed and proposed with the following change; the addition of the first lines of the reports for the Tree Warden meeting as a synopsis. Cllr Paul Poulter proposed the minutes with the above change, Cllr Lee Gardner seconded. **Agreed with one abstention.**

The minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting of the 21st November 2019 were proposed by Cllr Amy Smith, seconded by Cllr Lee Gardner. **Agreed with one abstention**.

Planning Matters Consideration of the Planning Committee minutes from the extra-ordinary meeting of the 7th November 2019 and the Planning Committee held on the 14th November 2019. For information. Noted.

Update on the Planning application for Horseheath Road, including the update from the second meeting with the developer, Croudace Homes, held on the 21st November 2019: The developer is very keen to work with LPC. They have addressed all the aspects raised and done more than was asked. They are looking at a possible exit on the Horseheath Road site to the Bartlow Road site to improve connectivity. No application has been received yet but the plans and boards with the current draft are on the notice boards at the Village Hall, as well as hand out copied for any members of the public who wish to review these.

Update on the Planning application for Paynes Meadow for 26 affordable homes, Planning application reference S/0670/19/OL. This was refused due to the effect on the landscape and poor design as well as drainage issues of surface water flooding. The Officer's report came out about a week early, which gave LPC time to go through this and pass comments on this that could be raised in the meeting.

There were incorrect maps and interpretation, there was also an omission that the Landscape Officer objected and highways issues were not addressed. Cllr Enid Bald thanked District Councillor John Batchelor for providing the Officer's report well ahead of time, this really assisted. A parishioner, Mark Ganderton was also thanked for attending and presenting with an excellent speech.

Bartlow Road Planning Applications: **Update from the legal advice sought by Linton Parish Council from Holmes and Hill Solicitors from the initial consultation meeting with regards to considering the possibility of a Judicial Review. Cllr Enid Bald provided a verbal update and advised that there** were misleading statements, misdirection, incorrect statements made by Officers and procedural errors. LPC have asked for this to be reviewed by the Scrutiny Committee but they have not responded directly to LPC.

Open discussion from Council pertaining to the discussion of the risks versus the benefits of a Judicial Review, considering chances of success, cost, potential liability and likelihood of another outline planning application being granted on the same site going forward. Taking into consideration the current Planning appeal APP/W0230/W19/3236259 for the reserve matters application S/2487/18/RM. There has been a meeting with a solicitor who has provided a lot of information. The Planning Committee is looking to go to the Ombudsman as a next step.

Only the courts can quash the grounds for permissions. There is a possible cost capping which would protect Linton Parish Council from receiving costs over a value of £10,000 from the appellants costs. There can be a holding letter written by the solicitor which may halt the proceedings, then there is also a potential for an initial review which would include the arhaus capping review. LPC have already put together grounds for a Judicial Review but would need to go to a barrister to compile a formal case.

Should LPC wish to proceed with a Judicial Review, the deadline for a decision would be the 20th December to enable the barrister and solicitor time to put the case file together and submit this within the timeframe set by procedure. This is a very tight deadline so a decision would need to be made quickly. Cllr Amy Smith proposed that LPC take the next step and seek a barrister's opinion to a limit of £3,000. Cllr Lee Gardner seconded. **Agreed.**

Update from the Clerk on the S106 Contributions for the Barlow Road planning application. Cllr Lee Gardner proposed that LPC discuss this issue further with CCC Highways and put forward the proposed double yellow lines for the east side of the High Street. Cllr Enid Bald seconded. **Agreed.**

District & County Councillors' Reports & Business Written reports submitted for November and December 2019. **Noted**

Monthly Finance Matters Consideration of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 16th October 2019. **Noted.**

Consideration of the appointment of the Internal Auditor to review the accounts for the financial year 20191/2020. Cllr Chris Hine proposed the appointment of Mrs Victoria Waples and Cllr Paul Poulter seconded. **Agreed**.

Consideration of the precept for the financial year 2020/2021.

Review of the overall budget in its entirety and confirmation of the percentage increase on the precept year on year. Supporting documentation included in packs that are distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Paul Poulter proposed, Cllr Lee Gardner seconded. **Agreed.**

Consideration of the Clerk's request to purchase the two new computers for the office from the current financial year's budget and not from that of the financial year 2020/2021. With an approximate budget of £3,000. Cllr Paul Poulter proposed, Cllr Brian Cox seconded. **Agreed.**

The Recreation Ground: Consideration of the quotations for the Topographical survey for the area of the recreation ground discussed previously. Cllr Chris Hine proposed Survey Solutions. Cllr Paul Poulter seconded. **Agreed with one abstention.**

Consideration of the quotes for the Site Investigation for the area of the recreation ground discussed previously. Cllr Chris Hine proposed EP Strategies Cllr Paul Poulter seconded. **Agreed one abstention.**

Correspondence item November 7; Parishioner request to repair the basketball hoops and nets at the Meadow Recreation Ground. Council reviewed this request, however as the future of the area is under consideration currently it was decided that this cannot be done at this time.

Correspondence item December 8; Linton Cricket Club requesting to use the Bowls Green for storage of Equipment. This was discussed and it was decided that as the future of this area is currently under consideration, the Parish Council are not at a point where they can agree the use of this area for storage. Cllr Paul Poulter proposed this is not agreed, Cllr Lee Gardner seconded. **Agreed not to progress.**

Traffic and Roadworks Matters: Consideration of the cost that Linton Parish Council would need to commit to paying should the Local Highways Initiative Scheme be successful as part of the feasibility study prior to decision by the panel in January 2020. Cllr Amy Smith Proposed, Cllr Simon Hill seconded **Agreed.**

Report from the Greater City Partnership (GCP) / City Deal meeting held on the 28th November 2019. There is a suggested transport hub at the end of Bartlow road, when they took this to Cambridgeshire County Council for pre-application, they had a response that it wasn't felt it would be required. Cllr Bald requested that LPC draft a letter of support for the travel hub. **This was seconded by Cllr Chris Hine and put to a vote and agreed with one abstention.**

Village Enhancement Leadwell Meadows: **Correspondence item November 63; email from a parishioner re a request for the installation of a dog litter bin at Leadwell Meadows.** Cllr John Bald proposed this was a good idea and requested the Clerk look into this, Cllr Paul Poulter seconded. **Agreed.**

Council Representatives: **Consideration of Cllr Simon Hill's request to become a representative of the Parish Charities on behalf of Linton Parish Council.** Cllr Paul Poulter proposed that, should the Parish Charities agree it, Simon Hill would become the new Parish Council Parish Charities representative, this was seconded by Cllr Enid Bald. **Agreed.**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 16th January 2020. Noted.

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