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Open Studios in Linton Kaella-Ann and Hollie Cooper

THIS year once again Kaella-Ann and Hollie Cooper will be taking part in Cambridge open studios. Kaella-Ann has created several new pieces in acrylic, covering scenes from places like Wells, the New Forest and more locally Wandlebury amongst other places.

Hollie will also have some new pieces she has created. She is presently doing an art diploma at Long Road, so please feel free to pop along and chat about what a diploma course entails. Also, if you would like to know more about how to make handmade felt, do encaustic art, watercolours, acrylic, pastels and a whole lot of other art mediums, then this is the place to go.

Open studios is a free event in which lots of artists across Cambridge and Suffolk Walden take part.

The dates Kaella-ann and Hollie will be open at the studio in 88 Finchams Close Linton are July 14th/15th, 21st/22nd and 28th/29th from 11am until 6pm or by appointment. Open studios booklets can also be collected from the studio.

Kaella-Ann Cooper, 0773 3360082



The artists with some of their work

Pictures supplied by Kaella-Ann

Linda Richardson



An example of Linda's calligraphy

Pictures supplied by Linda

PLEASE come and see lots of new paintings and calligraphy at my Open Studios event on the weekends of July 7th / 8th and July 14th / 15th.

My work centres around poetry, myth, mysticism and ecology. I look forward to your visit.



Water by Linda

Speedy Sam strikes again

SAM NORRIS from Linton is continuing to go from strength to strength with his ability in riding his 250cc speedway and grasstrack bikes.

In March Sam attended a practice session held at Mildenhall speedway and, after seeing him ride, the promotion team were impressed with his riding style and asked if he could do demonstration rides at their home meetings. Sam was thrilled to bits especially as Mildenhall speedway is our local speedway track. All at Mildenhall speedway are friendly and give Sam lots of encouragement and guidance.

Mildenhall Fen Tigers are a very skilled and successful team and a Sunday afternoon out watching them is thoroughly recommended for gripping entertainment.

Sam recently took part in his first ever British Youth Championships round and came third in the final due to his sheer determination and perseverance.

Sam is continuing to ride at all the pre meetings at Rye House and Lakeside speedway circuits as well as riding at Eastbourne speedway on a few occasions. Sam also has three local grasstrack meetings coming up.

Sam is in year 9 at LVC.

See him on Facebook. Sam Norris #7

Claire Norris



Sam getting ready to go

Photo supplied by Claire

Our advertising manager needs help

THANK you so much for the excellent response to our request for help editing and proofreading the paper. We now have three more volunteers for editing and proofreading but we still need help for our advertising manager.

There are several parts to the job of the advertising manager, but we want someone to help with the first one.

1 Handling requests for placing adverts

These have to be vetted as we can only accept requests from firms who are based in Linton and agreement has to be reached on the outcome. If accepted the size and form of the advert they want has to be ascertained. Once agreed the advert has to be placed on a waiting list. All the above results in much correspondence with the advertiser, usually by email. Finally, once published, the advert has to be invoiced, verified paid and the treasurer notified of payment.

2 Handling renewals of existing adverts

This involves emailing or posting invoices,

checking payment, updating an excel spreadsheet and then forwarding payment (cheque or cash) or payment details (BACS) to the treasurer.

We have between three and six renewals a month.

3 Handling requests to change adverts

This involves liaising with production and finalising adverts prior to printing (usually the Sunday before the paper goes to the printer).

4 Meetings

Attending monthly meetings to report and discuss any issues.

In general

Volunteers must be computer literate and discretion and honesty are a must as we do deal with local businesses and cash.

If you feel you can help the advertising manager with section 1 contact her via adds@Linton.info

Linton News Editorial team

Pied pipers at the book festival

LINTON Children's Book Festival once again brought excitement and creative inspiration to hundreds of local families in May.

Among other special activities, authors and storytellers visited all the Linton schools. There were storytimes in beautiful gardens, a fun High Street safari trail and a competition to dress a potato as a book character.

Brian the Bookfest lion made appearances at playgroups and around the village. As always the festival culminated in a big weekend of book events generously hosted by Linton Village College.

Highlights of the weekend included the ever-popular Paul Jackson telling stories in his magical yurt, the hilarious poetry of Joshua Seigal and an inspiring talk about the Costa Rican rainforest by naturalist Michael Leach. Children explored their own creative talents through expert-led workshops



Brian the Lion with poet Joshua Seigal

and drop-in activities, and had the chance to meet and chat with popular authors and illustrators at book-signing sessions.

The organisers were particularly pleased by how many young people were involved as volunteers this year. More than twenty local teenagers participated in Linton Bookfest as stewards, support staff, musicians or activity leaders.

Thank you to the dedicated volunteers of all ages who make Linton Bookfest such a great community event. Thanks also to our generous sponsors: the Arts Council, Linton Parish Council, Wadlow Wind Farm, TTP Group, the Anderson Trust and Heffers Bookshop.

Anne McMahon



Author Isabel Thomas shares one of her books

All pictures in this section by Josephine Paterson

The national influenza immunisation programme

THIS year sees significant changes as to how we will be vaccinating our patients, the main one being that there are now two different vaccines for adults:-

The adjuvanted trivalent vaccine (aTIV) for all patients over 65 years of age.

The quadrivalent vaccine (QIV) for patients 18 years old and over and for patients under 65 years of age are eligible for NHS vaccinations.

Eligible children will continue to receive the nasal spray live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV).

The following patients are eligible for flu vaccination:-

- All children aged two to nine years of age (but not 10 years or older) on 31st August.
- Clinically eligible patients: aged six months to under 65 years of age
- Pregnant women
- Those aged 65 years and over
- Those in long-stay residential care homes
- Carers

In addition, flu vaccines are recommended for front line health and social care workers.

The other significant change of note is the way in which we will receive our supply of vaccines. There will be three separate deliveries between the months of September and November.

All of the above means that this year booking your flu appointment won't be quite as straightforward for us as in previous years.

We will have to separate adults by age, vaccination type and by when deliveries are due, so please bear with us as we manage this huge task which could involve up to 15,000 patients.

In the next issue we hope to publish our flu clinic dates. Additionally, text messages will be sent, there will be local posters and the dates will be published on our websites.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me or your local Granta surgery.

Sandra East,
Communications Manager,
Granta Medical Practices



Infants reflect on a busy year

WELL here we are at the end of another academic year and it's a good time to reflect on the learning that has taken place. Over the course of the year we have visited the local fire station, had a whole school campfire, a trip to the Sedgwick Museum in Cambridge, visited Mountfitchet Castle, turned the school into a museum with year 1 and year 2 children then enjoying a sleepover at school and a whole school trip to Africa Alive. And that is just the learning that has taken place outside the classroom.

As a school, we have also supported charities such as Jeans-4Genes, World Cancer Day, Children in Need, Addenbrookes and Sports Relief, raising just over an incredible £1,800.

However, this is also a time where we look to the future. We say a sad goodbye to Miss Hawkins and wish her well with life's adventures. We also say goodbye to our year 2 children who are moving on to the next stage of their education. We are always sad to see the children leave us but it is with a proud heart, looking at how they have grown and what they have achieved in the short time that they are at the Infant School.

There are always so many people to thank when you are involved in a school but we are very grateful to our PTFA who contributed to our school trips in order to keep costs at a reasonable level for families. They also raise funds for the school to be able to buy the extras such as iPads and books for the library. We are so grateful to everyone who supports our fundraising events by coming along, buying a raffle ticket, donating a prize; thank you.

All that's left for me to do now is to wish you all a safe, happy and joyful summer break. We look forward to welcoming all of the children into school on Thursday 6th September.

Kelly Harries, Headteacher



Creative arts week at Linton Heights

WHAT a busy and creative week we have had. All across the school the children have been taking part in many different creative art, music and dance activities.

We started the week by enjoying a morning exploring collage throughout the school with an emphasis on texture, colour and exploring how different materials can represent a piece of artwork. Imagination has been greatly encouraged throughout the week with children creating scarecrows, motivating dance lessons, a whole school living artwork and taking part in live music performances. The children were lucky enough to have the chance to watch and talk to an artist, develop their Djembe drumming skills and be visited by incredibly talented musi-

cians. Year groups were also given the opportunity to visit LVC to take part in dance, art and drama lessons. It has been non-stop fun.

"We enjoyed working as part of a team creating our Harry Potter scarecrow" (Daisy Houghton-Perry and William Knight). "It was so much fun learning about Henri Matisse and our collage turned out really well" (Natasha Little and Lizzie Howden).

We cannot thank enough the support and kindness of local artists and musicians who have given their time freely to share their passions with the children. It has been inspirational and we look forward to seeing how the children use these skills in school.

Mrs R Komodromos,
Year 4 teacher

Saturday workshop at LVC Adult Education

WE are having a Saturday workshop from 10am to 4pm on 14th July. Topics are:

- Holiday Spanish
- Upholstery
- Mindfulness
- Meditation
- Floristry - party flowers
- Authentic Indian Cookery made easy

For more information or to book onto a workshop please contact adult.education@lvc.org or telephone 891233 Ext 303 or 317.

We are recruiting tutors to start in September, please get in touch if you have a skill or talent that you would like to offer.

Margaret Kiddy, Adult Education & Lettings Manager

Note: there was an error in the time of the workshop given in last month's paper

New courses at Sawston Adult Learning

THE 2018/19 Adult Education Programme is now on our website, ready for you to peruse and book online. So what's new this year? Well, we are delighted to be offering the following new courses:

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| Flamenco Dancing | Basic Car Maintenance |
| Drumming | Willow Weaving |
| Dream Analysis | New Craft Courses |
| Astronomy | Mandarin |
| New Cooking Courses | |

The existing course range will also be on our website and in our brochure, to be delivered through your door week commencing 16th July. From this month, everyone has the option to book online through Wisepay – it is so easy, secure and convenient. Booking forms will still be at the back of our brochure or can be requested via email.

Check our website for more details www.sawstonadulted.org, or telephone on 712424 or email us community@sawstonvc.org. We look forward to seeing you from September.

Amanda Hoskins, Adult Education Department,
Sawston Village College

Chestnut playgroup Come and visit Wonderland

Linton

WE have furthered our topic of minibeasts and included some gardening in this term's activities. We have planted peas, carrots and potatoes and have been watering them regularly and watching them grow. We look forward to seeing some produce appearing soon and maybe eating some for our snack time.

We have celebrated Father's Day with a visit from our Daddies and Grandads. It was a fun morning for both children and parents. We also held our annual quiz night which was a big success and raised over £200. We are very grateful to Chris Mellings for providing the questions and David Waite for being a fantastic quiz master.

We look forward to participating in the Scarecrow festival and warmly invite you to visit *Wonderland* for our Alice in Wonderland Summer Fair. This will take place on Sunday 22nd July at the Cathodeon Centre from 2–4pm. There will be a bouncy castle, lots of fun and games, a Mad Hatter's Tea room and a *Best Mad*

Hat competition. Come in fancy dress if you wish. We look forward to seeing you there.

We are booking new children for September. 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.

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

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Summer reading challenge at the library

WE'D love your children to sign up for this year's Summer Reading Challenge at the library, to help them keep reading and enjoying books all through the holidays. The challenge begins on 14th July and runs into September and it's free to take part.

Children can sign up at Linton Library to get started, then they just need to choose and read six library books to complete the challenge. There are exclusive rewards to collect along the way. This year's theme is *Mischief Maker*, inspired by Dennis the Menace and the Beano.

The Summer Reading Challenge website helps children keep track of their reading, not just in summer but all year round. Through it they can find new books to read, take part in competitions and play games.

Adults planning summer holidays in the UK or abroad may want to look at our collection of travel guides and travel writing. If you need to keep your suitcase light, why not download a few e-books (or e-magazines or e-audiobooks) to take with you on your device of choice? Search for Cambridgeshire Libraries online to find how-to details or ask library staff.

Avid readers of all ages, note you don't need to weigh down your cases with books, magazines and audiobooks for holiday travels – visit Cambridgeshire Libraries Online and download them to your phone, tablet or laptop. Ask a member of staff for more details.

Anna McMahon, Linton Community Library Assistant



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Pre-school and toddler group
Linton, Cambridgeshire

THE fun and learning is never ending at Linton Granta Playgroup. We had parties to celebrate the Royal Wedding, we welcomed two work experience students from LVC, we had a special person's breakfast to celebrate Father's Day and a very busy sports morning. We were invited to the music rooms at LVC to look at and listen to different instruments and sing songs. We are proud of the crop of strawberries we have grown and enjoyed sampling them at snack time. We have been doing lots of activities to aid the transition to school for our pre-schoolers.

We are a 24 place setting that offers the 30 hours free childcare with optional earlier opening times of 8.30am. Situated conveniently within the grounds of the village college we are able to use some of their facilities such as the library as well as on a Wednesday morning we are fortunate enough to be given access to the Granta School's soft play area. On Monday afternoons we have Gardening Club and on a Thursday afternoon we are mini chefs. We also offer ad hoc sessions for any last minute child care needs.

Opening times 8.30–2.30pm Monday to Friday. We are currently taking children to start in September. If you require any information please call us on 07806744864.

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Gardening Club's Annual Show

If your flowers, vegetables, fruit and pot plants are looking good this year, why not enter them into our Annual Show which is being held on Saturday 28th July in the Village Hall?

As usual, there are many different gardening and non-gardening classes to enter in the following sections: Vegetable & Fruit, Flowers, Pot Plants, Flower Arrangement, Baking and Preserves, Photography, Arts and Crafts and Children's. Club members and non-members are welcome to enter as many exhibits as they like.

The entry fee for adults remains at 20p per exhibit whilst the entries for the children's section are free.

The show is all about the fun of entering but there are also prize cards, small monetary prizes and trophies to be won.

Schedules (50p) listing all the classes and entry details are available from Helen, 9 Balsham Road, or Susan, 3 Mill Lane. Entry forms must be received at 9 Balsham Road by 8pm on Thursday 26th July and the exhibits brought to the Village Hall on the morning of the Show.

After the judging, the doors will open at 2.15pm for the entrants to find out if they have won anything, and for the public to view the exhibits and enjoy a cup of tea and cake. The prize giving and raffle will be held at 4.15pm. The club is looking forward to hosting another enjoyable show and seeing everyone there on 28th July.

Helen Townsend (Show Secretary), 893577
email: lgshowsec@yahoo.co.uk

PLODDING ALONG An update on police matters

BETWEEN 9pm on 19th May and 12 noon on 21st May, a parcel containing equipment of high value, which was left on the doorstep of a residential address in Parsonage Way, was stolen. The parcel was signed for by neighbour but not taken into a place of safety.

Between 9.30pm and 11.30pm on 19th May a vehicle parked in a field car park in Balsham Road had its rear windscreen smashed and two bags were stolen.

At half past midnight on 14th May a white Vauxhall Vivaro van registration DY65 YMG was stolen from outside a house on Hill Way. The van contained sports and cleaning equipment.

Between 1.30am and 6.30am on the 15th May in Brinkman Road, a gate was damaged and then access was gained to the area and a car battery stolen.

Between 11am and 1pm on Wednesday 24th May a works van in The Woodlands was broken into and two nail guns and batteries were stolen.

Between 17th May and the 17th June, lead flashing was stolen from the roof of a business premises in the High Street.

PCSOs Chris Wiseman, Leanne Fisher, Joe Haylock and John Coppard, Sawston

Castle Camps Skirmish

LINTON Team Ministry in association with *Northampton Sealed Knot* presents *The Castle Camps Skirmish* at 5pm on 21st July at All Saints Church Castle Camps, CB21 4TQ.

The actual skirmish starts at 5.30pm.

There will be a hog roast, bar, sideshows, stalls and music

Prices of tickets (including hog roast) are adults £10, family (two adults and two children) £25 and children £5

To book tickets phone Lindi on 01799 584012

Margaret Guite, (Linton Team Rector)
margaret.guite@icloud.com

Please Note

THE community navigator no longer comes to Linton Health Centre on a monthly basis.

Mirella Teague, Community Development, 01954 211919

Dashing away with the smoothing iron



THE title refers to the fascinating talk by Helen Green, a family history researcher and local historian, on the history of laundry.

In medieval times, only the well-off washed their clothing regularly and then only their linen undergarments, outer garments being mostly of wool and maybe furs. Washing was done by a river using lye (wood ash and water).

In Tudor times, fabrics such as velvet, fur and cloth of gold came into fashion, albeit a linen shift was still worn underneath.

Clean washing was the mark of a respectable household and was done by washerwomen (usually a widow). Henry VIII employed one washerwoman at £10 a year, a good wage but she had to find her own soap.

Urine, hot flour and water paste, sour milk, ink and blood were all methods tried for removing stains from outer garments. Starch, made from wheat, was used for ruffs which were folded after soaking in starch. When wheat was banned because of shortages, cuckoo pint would be used.

Later on, flat irons were introduced and linen presses for sheets. Dolly tubs moved the clothing roughly in soapy water, with mangles to wring the laundry. With electricity came improved washing machines like the twin tub and spin dryer, then the automatic machine changed women's lives forever.

The next meeting will be on the 3rd July. The speaker will be John Flood from the Folk Museum of Cambridge. New members and visitors always welcome. Sally Proberts, 891021

News from St Mary's

ELSEWHERE on this page you will find *The Castle Camps Skirmish* advertised – an event for all the family which is being run to raise funds for the account of our team ministry. As you may know, St Mary's Linton is one of a group (team) of five churches, which each have their own identity and serve their own parishes but try to work as closely together as possible and support each other in need. So, on behalf of all those parishes in the Camps, Bartlow and Horseheath, as well as Linton, I invite you to join us for the skirmish and hog roast on 21st July.

As a Team we also hosted, for the first time last summer, a series of services of Compline – the reflective late evening service which Christians have used for centuries to end their day in peace. Once again this year, we invite you to join us on Sundays, from 15th July to 26th August inclusive, in the lovely setting of Shudy Camps parish church. The service will be held by candlelight and forms a perfect end to a summer Sunday. This year the services will commence at 7.30 pm. No sermon, no chat – just beautiful biblical words, and resonant prayers. We'd love to have you with us.

Maggie Guite (Linton Team Rector)
margaret.guite@icloud.com

Come and Sing Brahms German Requiem (to be sung in English)

THIS event is to be held on Saturday 15th September at St Mary the Virgin Linton. Registration is from 1pm; rehearsals are at 1.30pm; tea is at 5pm and at 6pm there will be an informal performance of selected movements.

The performance is open to the public and is free of charge with donations in aid of St Mary's. Money raised from the singing workshop (after expenses) will also be for St Mary's

The director is David Parry-Smith and the cost (for singers) is £10 to include tea with sandwiches/cakes.

To register or for further information contact David on david@parry-smith.co.uk or ring 894715

Copies will be available on the day or bring your own Novello original edition (not the New Choral)

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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

- Little stars SEN group, alternate Mondays 1.15-2.45pm CC
- Beacon Astro Football, Mondays, 3.05-4.30pm LVC
- Netball, Monday evenings, 6.30pm 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)
- WEA, Tuesdays, 10am term-time VH
- Linton Air Cadets Mon and Thurs 7-9.30pm (07717801056) LVC
- Scrabble Club, alternate Tuesdays, 10am-12noon CP
- Chestnut Playgroup, Monday-Friday, 9am- 2.30pm CC
- Linton Granta Toddler grp, Tuesdays term time 9.30-11.30, LVC
- Linton Granta Playgroup, Mon-Fri, 8.30am-2.30pm LVC
- Storytime, Tuesdays, term-time, 2-2.30pm 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
- Belleplate ringing, Tuesdays, 7.45-9pm (971057) URC
- Tots in tow, Wednesdays term time only, 9.30-11am VH
- Beacon Girls Group, Wednesdays, 3.05-4.30pm REC
- Jelly Beans playgroup, Thursdays, 9.30-11.30am URC
- Doodle Dots under 5s, Thursdays 10-11.30am, CC
- New Beginnings (with Baby Sensory), Thursdays, 1.15-2.45pm CC
- Computer buddies, Thursdays, 2-4pm Library
- Beacon drop-in Club, Thursdays, 5.30-7pm REC
- Cricket club, Thursdays, 6-8pm LVC
- Beacon Youth Group, Fridays, 7-8.30pm, URC
- Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, Fridays, 9.15-10am CP
- Stay and Play, Fridays 10am-11.30am CC
- St Mary's church choir, Fridays, 7-8.30pm CC
- Linton Bridge club, Fridays, 7pm, CC
- For sports centre courses please call LVC sports centre on 890248

JULY 2018

- 1 Scarecrow festival, 10am-5pm** St Mary's Church
- 2 Camera Club, 7pm VH
- 3 WI, 7.30pm** VH
- 4 Reading group, 8pm VH Upstairs
- 5 Luncheon Club, 12noon Old Red Lion Horseheath
- 7 Farmer's Market 9am-12noon VH
- 8 Lighthouse, 10.15am URC
- 9 Whist Drive, 7.30pm VH
- 10 Camsight VIPs Lunch, 1pm** Chalklands
- 14 Adult education workshop, 10am-4pm** LVC
- 15 Walking group, 11am, Church Lane
- 15 Messy Church, 2.30pm St Mary's Church
- 18 Cambridgeshire hearing help, 9.30-12 noon LintonHC
- 18 Coffee morning, 10.30am URC
- 19 Linton Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm, CC
- 20 Daylight readers, 10.30am Library
- 20 Linton Heights Summer Fair, 4.30-7pm** LH
- 21 Castle Camps Skirmish, 5pm** All Saints Church
- 22 Chestnut Playgroup Summer fair, 2-4pm** CC
- 28 Garden club annual show, 2.15pm** VH

AUGUST

- 1 Reading group, 8pm VH Upstairs
- 2 Luncheon Club, 12 noon Old Red Lion Horseheath
- 2 ACE garden party, 2-5pm** 7 Symonds Lane
- 4 Farmer's Market 9am - 12noon VH
- 6 Camera Club, 7pm VH
- 7 WI, 7.30pm VH
- 12 Lighthouse, 10.15am URC
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- 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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OUR local Healthwatch in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are launching their *It Starts With You* campaign to encourage more people to share their experiences of using local health and care services.

The campaign will run from July to September and will tell the stories of local people who are helping to improve the services we all use.

Last year, Jason, who is Deaf, told us about visiting A&E and not getting a British Sign language Interpreter for over seven hours, even though he had a serious lung condition. Thanks to Jason and other people who shared their experience, we are challenging the local NHS to do better for disabled people.

Have you got a story to share? Tell us about your experiences and ideas to help services understand what works, what doesn't and what you want from care in the future.

No matter how big or small the issue, tell us about it. If it matters to you then it's very likely it matters to someone else.

Sharing your opinions with Healthwatch is quick and easy and could make a big difference. Tell us what you think and help make care better for you, your family and community.

Volunteer as a Community Listener and help us find out what people who live locally think about their health and care services. You will get training, support and out of pocket expenses.

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Camsight VIPs

A STRAWBERRY and cream afternoon tea was enjoyed by our members at our monthly meeting at the Chalklands Centre, on Tuesday 12th June. The Crofters performed a delightful selection of folk and traditional songs and members provided the strawberries, cream and scones.

Our next meeting will be our summer lunch. It will be held at Chalklands at 1pm on Tuesday 10th July, before our summer break in August. If anyone is interested in joining our group, please contact us for more information.

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THIS time of year is always a tricky time for cadets with a mix of enrichment weeks away and, of course, the dreaded exam season. I'm amazed at how our cadets apply themselves and achieve such high standards whilst maintaining their commitments outside school or college.

We continue to prepare for Wing Field Weekend, which is at the end of June and I look forward to reporting back on how this goes. The drill teams look sharp and I have every confidence we will rank highly in this year's competition. We also have Duke of Edinburgh assessment expeditions coming soon.

Our thoughts now turn to recruitment and regular readers will have an insight into the fantastic opportunities that our cadets get to experience. Regular reports

of flying, adventure training camps and Duke of Edinburgh show just a few of the activities that we train for.

Equality is a central part of the Air Cadets' ethic. The cadet experience is open to everyone, regardless of nationality, background or ability, male or female. If you're aged 13, or at age 12 when beginning school year 8, then please give me a call or email about joining.

Our staff team is growing and our squadron staff are qualifying to teach new and exciting activities all the time. If becoming an adult instructor interests you, please call me. All training is provided and volunteering is one of the most rewarding things you can do, even if it is just a few hours a month.

CI Bradley Wright
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Concert for Home Start

THERE will be a concert in at 7pm on Wednesday 11th July in Jesus College Chapel, Cambridge, held by kind permission of the Master and Fellows of Jesus College.

Alexander Baillie on cello Nigel Yandell on piano will perform:

- Fauré Sonata no 1 in D minor for cello and piano, op. 109
- Turnage Sleep On
- Poulenc Sonata for cello and piano
- Brahms Sonata no 2 in F for cello and piano, op. 99

All proceeds are in aid of Home-Start Cambridgeshire. Tickets cost £20 (full price) and £10 (Students) and come with a free interval drink.

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COUNTRY MATTERS

Text by Oriel O'Loughlin and illustrated by Maureen Williams



Moles

SOME people feel so strongly about moles that they will literally stand near a molehill for hours, complete with firearm, waiting to blast the poor creature at the slightest hint of activity from below. Others are a little more accommodating. I have joined the latter since finding out more about them.

There are apparently over 30 million moles in the UK, their original name being muldvarp, literally dirt tosser. For its size, it is one of the most powerful animals in the world. It is 15cm long and weighs between 70 and 130 grams. It can lift 20 times its own bodyweight and takes around 4.5 hours to dig a one meter long tunnel.

You might curse the molehills on your prized lawn but just think what goes on beneath. That mole contributes to the health of soil, turning, draining and mixing it, eating pests like leatherjackets and bringing nutrients to the surface to be used by plants. It does not eat plant roots.

With its spade like forepaws, it effectively breast strokes its way through the soil. Its mouth and nose are protected from debris by their down facing position, and it has tiny ears and eyes that can't get clogged up with earth. It survives underground because is that it has very special haemoglobin – its efficient use of oxygen means it can re-use exhaled air. You have to admire it.

And now to what it eats. If you are a bit squeamish, best skip this bit. The mole is totally focussed on finding food, and lots of it, fast. The bare pink skin and whiskers on the snout help them detect movement. Their tunnels are actually worm traps. The mole senses when a worm falls into a tunnel and immediately rushes along to eat it, the same might apply to mice that wander in to the tunnel.

A mole's fur doesn't lie in a particular direction, making it just as easy to reverse as to advance. They eat half their body-weight each day, which means around six large earthworms. They pull the worms through their claws to squeeze out the dirt.

Mole saliva contains a paralysing toxin – they bite the worms' heads off and are then able to store them in a sort of larder, for future use. Estimates for the number of worms found in a mole larder range from 470 to 1,000. Fortunately this wasn't mentioned in my copy of The Wind in the Willows.

When moles began to be a garden pest Queen Alexandra, wife of Edward VII, ordered a moleskin jacket using hundreds of mole pelts sewn together. This successfully started a fashion and created a demand, turning a pest problem into a lucrative industry. One sold for 98 guineas in 1921. Since then we have gone to great lengths to try and control them, with little success.

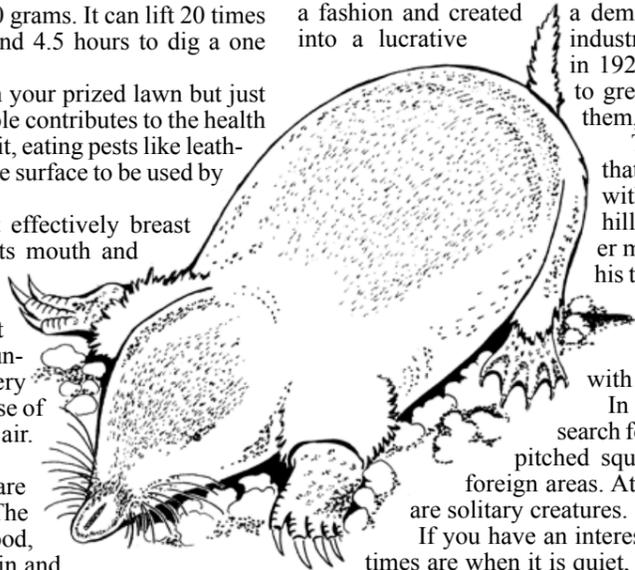
There is a school of thought that says a mole will be happy with his tunnel and a few molehills – but, if you kill him, another mole will come along, occupy his tunnel but build more, thereby worsening the problem. Tunnels often have bedrooms and birthing chambers lined with dry grass.

In the breeding season, males search for females by letting out high-pitched squeals and tunnelling through foreign areas. At other times of the year they are solitary creatures.

If you have an interest in mole watching, the best times are when it is quiet, often at dawn and dusk. The mole depends on quiet to hear the worms and noise will drive moles away.

A large mound doesn't mean lots of moles, only that the earth is soft – in harder ground there are more frequent openings.

Tunnels are only built where worm casts are evident but wherever there is earth, be it gardens, towns, woods, agricultural areas, golf courses, croquet lawns, or sports pitches, our little mole will be there leaving his mark.



FARMING MATTERS

Text by Jason Turnbull, The Bartlow Estate

The home straight

JUNE is a fantastic time in the farming calendar and generally, if we have got things right, is extremely rewarding as the crops at their productive stage are a fantastically satisfying sight.

Having put in months of hard work and long days, we are rapidly approaching the pinnacle of our farming year. Crops are now in the final productive stage, the grain ears on the plants have been set and we wait for nature to provide plenty of sunshine to provide energy to fill the grain.

Harvest is probably a month away realistically (mid-July) and currently we are tidying corners of the farm that have been missed throughout the busy spring. Other jobs include repairing track ways to ensure that our lorries can get the harvested crops to store and cleaning and disinfecting the

grain stores for the impending new crop.

On the rest of the estate our conservation areas are looking resplendent with wild flowers and most of the long field margins are full with young broods of birds. This is why we always ask dog walkers to keep dogs on leads as baby birds unfortunately cannot escape pets very easily in long grass.

Now is a good time for our very hard-working staff to get some holiday time in. These guys work extremely hard to ensure that we get the most from our crops and ultimately put food on all of our tables.

For myself, June is spent behind closed doors in the estate office as I prepare budgets and cash flows for next year's crops. Planning is very important in that we need to grow what you the consumer wants.

Cropping plans are now in place and we will begin planting harvest 2019 crops in early August beginning with oilseed rape.

I would like to thank our guys very much for their attention to detail and dedication and would ask that everyone has patience when being delayed by a tractor or combine harvester on the road, or when there is a bit of a whiff in the air from muck spreading. These minor inconveniences mean that we can all live life with a full tummy.

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POT POURRI 159

Another Triangle Area.

CONSIDER a triangle J,K,L whose internal angles are 36, 72, and 72 degrees respectively.

Bisect angle K and draw a line that meets J, L at M.

If the length of M, L is 10 cm. What is the area of the triangle L, K, M?

Pot Pourri 158- What type of Triangle?

It is an equilateral triangle.

Urania

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hildersham Notes Shakespeare In The Wood

THE Outspoken Theatre Company's annual Shakespearean production this year is The Taming of the Shrew. It is to be held at 6pm on 21st July .

It will be outdoors in the Old School Wood next to the church if fine but if not then it will go ahead in the church.

The performance starts at 6.30pm but the gates open at 6pm for pre-theatre picnics. Ticket prices pre-booked £10, on the gate £12, U18s free Tickets from Amanda Palmer 894316
Amanda Palmer

ACES Garden party

THE ACE Garden Party will be from 2pm until 5pm on 2nd August, at 7 Symond's Lane.

Enid Smith

Balsham Feast

THE biennial Balsham Feast takes place on the afternoon of Saturday 7th July from 1pm until late. Along with various food, craft, club and society stalls on the recreation grounds, there will be lots of fun activities and entertainment for the whole family during the afternoon and live entertainment on into the evening with a BBQ. One of the major attractions during the afternoon will be a Fun Dog Show.

We would love Linton families to make the three to four mile drive or bus ride and join in the fun.

Laura Cook, balshamfeast@gmail.com

Summer Fair

LINTON Heights Junior School Summer Fair is on Friday 20th July from 4.30-7pm.
Jill Crowe

Found

A lady's watch was found on Linton high street, between the Crown and the Dog and Duck, on Wednesday 20th June. Please contact the editor if you think it's yours, giving a description.

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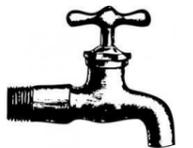
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The Marsh mail



JULY is an important month for the induction of new staff and students at the College in readiness for the next academic year. Our new cohort of students joins us for a two-day transition in the first week of the month. The programme of sample lessons and time with tutors and our 8Mate student leaders helps our newest additions to acclimatise to the scale of LVC and the routines and rituals of a secondary school.

Over the years we have developed our transition process to be much more wide-reaching and to provide a variety of opportunities for primary students to benefit from time spent at the College. Our partnership with Linton cluster schools and development as a cross-phase Multi Academy Trust (CHET) has enabled us to forge strong relationships and to further enhance learning opportunities across Trust schools.

In recent weeks LVC students have been involved in leading a range of events in our two Trust primary schools which included art master classes and samba lessons for Linton Heights Junior School children and musical workshops and sports activities at The Meadow Primary School. In June we hosted the first CHET Mini Olympics, led by Mr Penfold from the Heights, bringing together Year 4 students across the locality for a day of sporting fun and competition.

CHET is committed to providing high quality education for young people in Linton and the surrounding villages but also to play a wider role in developing the standards of educational provision in the region. We are opening a new primary school in Red Lodge in September 2018, The Pines Primary and Pine Cones Pre-school, and are also supporting the Howard Primary School in Bury St Edmunds which is experiencing significant difficulties at present.

Ambitious and inclusive education should be an entitlement to all children, not just those that find themselves in a particular post code. It is great to see the sports and arts flourishing across Trust schools. We hope that growing our programme of cross-phase enrichment will help to inspire the next generation of students at Linton Village College.

Helena Marsh, Executive Principal



The Way We Were

by Garth Collard

Local transport and traffic solutions

COMPLAINTS about the inadequacy and dangers of the A1307 are regular features in the local news. In the early 20th century road accidents were a major issue with injuries to cyclists and pedestrians commonplace.

The Cambridge to Haverhill Road was single lane, untarred and full of pot holes and there were no speed limits. Horse drawn wagons, cars and coaches all used the same roads. Traffic went through the centre of the Abingtons, Linton and Horseheath. The Greenhill café on the bend was a major bottleneck with cars and coaches going to and from the coast. The sharp left bend into the village centre caused many collisions and pedestrians crossing the road had to dodge the busy two-way traffic.

The feeder roads were also a problem since there were no pavements. At night the poor car headlights were unable to pick out pedestrians and slower vehicles. Cars relied heavily on their horns to alert other road users. The parish council tried to introduce a 15mph speed limit but the county refused the plan.

In February 1911 James French, a worker at the mill stopped outside the Bell Inn to feed his horse. A passing car spooked the horse which knocked James over and the cart wheels crushed his legs and his skull.

Many accidents occurred in the 1920s. In July 1925 Mrs Hawkesley crossed the road from Market Lane to her house on the corner of Horn Lane. She was hit by a motorcycle and apart from bruises was not seriously injured. Near the same spot later that week a motorcyclist was badly injured when thrown into the road after hitting a deep pot hole.

Councillors held regular discussions to try to find solutions but money was always the biggest problem.

In 1927 the County and Rural District Council presented the parish council with a plan to solve the Linton centre problem. They wanted to widen the Back Road from Hildersham to the

Horseheath Road. At the Balsham Road junction a new section would link up with the Horseheath Road over land now built on by the old Cathodeon site and the Copperfields estate. Prior to 1840 and Enclosure, Back Road had been directly connected to the Horseheath Road. After a long debate the County decided to shelve the idea.

In February 1932 Edgar Morley, the Linton newsagent, collected newspapers from the railway. With his motorcycle and side car he drove down Station Road at an excessive speed failing to merge with the main Cambridge Road. He collided with another motorcycle and ended up with a squashed foot. Eventually his leg had to be amputated.

In August 1936 a car travelling at 15 mph overtook a horse and cart near the Green Hill bend. Whilst on the wrong side of the road the driver suddenly spotted a car driving towards him. The driver took evasive action, swerved and the car ended up embedded in the walls of the Greenhill public house.

Once again the County was urged to try to resolve the road problems. Two new solutions were put forward. The first was to tarmac the old Roman Road the Via Devana to a point beyond Horseheath so bypassing the Abingtons, Linton and Horseheath. The cost was £600/mile and the government was pledged to pay 60 per cent of the cost. Sadly, the money was not forthcoming because of re-armament and the fragile economy.

The second plan to bypass Linton centre was to build a new road from a point near the present day Dalehead Foods across the open fields to join Back Road which was to be widened as in the 1927 plan. Once again the county failed to make a decision.

In the 1960s both Abingtons and Linton were by-passed, Linton High Street becoming a separate road. The problems were partially resolved by the recent introduction of the one-way system.

Councillors' report

Local Plan

THE South Cambs District Council now has a five-year land supply. This means that it can demonstrate that it has enough housing to cope with the growth of the area over the next five years. This, more importantly, means that South Cambs will now not be accepting the lack of a five-year land supply as a reason to grant planning permission.

Community Chest

The well-used Community Chest grant has re-opened and has £57,000 in to be bid upon from community groups, including Parish Councils. Full details, and applications can be found at <https://www.scams.gov.uk/communitychest>

Local Highways Improvement Scheme

THIS is the main opportunity of the year to bid into the County Council Highways department to make local improvements to the local roads and footpaths. These have included over the years, speed reductions, pavement erections and zebra crossing installations.

The closing date for applications is Tuesday 31st July. You can download the forms here – www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/improving-your-local-highway/local-highway-improvement-funding/

Parklife

THE annual South Cambs free family fun day is happening on 1st July. There are plenty of free activities ranging from cycling to canoeing to Scalextric. It's a great opportunity for adults and children to try new activities. More information can be found at – www.scams.gov.uk/parklife

Bins

IF you regularly accrue more rubbish than fits into your blue or green bins, you can now request additional ones. Simply go to www.scams.gov.uk/recycling to apply.

Councillors Henry and John Batchelor

Red Balloon Yard Sale 8th July

HAVING a clear out? Then we can help. The idea is you have a stall outside your house with red balloons round and we have a map in the village hall with the location of the people taking part marked on. It costs £7 to get on the map and the money goes towards the cost of sending my son on a Camps International trip to Kenya to help the community build schools, homes and source water. Interested? Call me on 07862722183.

Rainy Jamieson



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/2211/18/FL, Mr and Mrs Pawley, 17 Emsons Close, First floor side extension

S/2093/18/LD, Edwards, 16 Parsonage Way, Certificate of lawful development for a proposed rear dormer and rooflights.

S/1889/18/FL, Mr and Mrs Michael Johnston, 80 Balsham Road Two-storey side extension

S/2086/18/NM, Mr Page, 46 The Grip, Non material amendment of planning permission S/4242/17/FL to Revise the building material from block work and brick finish to a timber frame structure with wood effect fibre concrete weatherboard.

S/1781/18/FL, Mr and Mrs Andre Pienaar, 3 Joiners Road, Proposed car port and relocation of access.

S/2095/18/F, Sellick and Doctor Pearce, 1 Hollybush Way, Flat roof dormer loft conversion

S/1568/18/FL, Mr M, Chilford Hall, Single storey rear extension to cafe

S/1745/18/FL, Mr Mark Hays, 9 Mill Lane, Demolition of red brick boundary wall and replacement with flint

S/1892/18/FL, Mr and Mrs Dobson, 37 Bartlow Road, Erection of a detached dwelling with new vehicular access and alterations to existing dwelling.

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Parish Council Matters

Local planning matters; the future and how you can help

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FOLLOWING the news that the South Cambs Local Development Plan has now identified its five-year housing land supply, planning applications can again be decided against normal planning criteria rather than the need to meet this requirement. For the years when there were insufficient housing approvals, this lack of housing supply overrode local planning factors, and South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) was unable to defend villages against unwanted, unsustainable and speculative planning applications. The numbers were set by a previous central government and was described by the chair at a SCDC planning committee meeting as "the rape of our villages".

What does this mean for Linton? There were four applications for large developments outside the village envelope and rejected by the strategic housing land availability assessment (SHLAA), but even this did not protect us. Linton parish council fought them, and won an appeal against developers at Back Road, with strong support from SCDC. Two applications have outline approval, but full applications have not yet been submitted. The knowledge gained through fighting appeals has given us ideas and new grounds for rejection - and we intend to use this information.

We do need residents to do their part to protect the village. One project is to have an Article 4 Directive - a way to protect buildings and control external changes to buildings that are significant, historic or valued, but are not listed. Residents are invited to join in the identification and evaluation of sites in Linton in order to apply for this.

Trees and hedges are an essential part of the landscape and would benefit from mapping and protection. So, if there are trees important to you or your family, or to the scenery, or a hedge with historic importance, will you help us to document this?

Flooding - from the river or from surface water - is an ongoing threat. Following meetings with the Environment Agency, Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) and other groups involved in countryside preservation and flood protection, we need data to establish exactly where are the risk areas. We intend to collect information on flooding, in a confidential way (we know what

affects the insurance!) to give more precise maps of flood risk. From that we can work with authorities and experts to minimise the risk in the future.

It was clear at the appeals that we needed public involvement to show just how opposed we were to the large applications. We had stalwart support from some residents, for which many thanks - but we needed more. We now need residents to show that our landscape is indeed valued. Could we start to gather support for our landscape for the Horseheath Road, and in particular the Bartlow Road sites ready for the next phase?

You will have noticed that after a very wet winter and record-breaking hot May, the verges and grass areas have unexpectedly luxuriant growth - this time last year they were struggling and rather bare. Along with this, rare wildflowers are growing - we have rare Bee Orchids in Symond's Lane. Could you help identify and map the rare species, so we can help protect them? The protected verges along Back Road were a factor in rejecting that planning appeal.

The wet winter has also helped fill the aquifers that were worryingly low, so perhaps Cambridgeshire will not have to import water from Nottingham this year. Linton has its own aquifer, and also natural springs where chalk and clay layers meet. The springs are running again after a dry year, the natural situation, but Linton parish council is in discussion to try to divert one to keep Rivey Lane footpath dry.

My annual report on planning should now be available on the Linton parish council website, along with all the reports and information on planning and other matters. These reports show the background work that goes into making proposals and decisions for the village. I know that these have not been reported in detail in minutes, so that residents have missed out on important information and updates. However, they are now available online, or as hard copy in the parish council office. It is intended that there should be more information spread to the village, to show just how much is done behind the scenes. There are also links so that you can help us gather information.

Cllr Enid Bald

The value of trees

LINTON has an unusual and rather lovely nestling appearance. If viewed from either hillside looking across the valley, the rooftops vanish into the tree canopy; and the church tower and the top of the Mill building extend upwards through numerous mature tree tops. The actual value of the individual trees to the effect of the huge group of different types of trees is impossible to assess, the effect is that of a barely visible village in the bottom of a verdant valley.

There are many examples of the power of the trees in the village, there are individual trees which have dramatic impact when we see or smell them; but then trees that have other kinds of special value that is just as unique to individual residents: the trees give us free fruit, act as cooling shade, climbing frames, swing supports for playing over the river; and also landmarks where events can be marked. For example, a tree where a couple shared their first kiss, or the story of a soldier who on every leave always visits a particular tree to reassure himself he is safely home.

There are ways of officially marking any of the trees in Linton as having a special value, and thus protecting them. Up till now it has been by the tree officer putting legal control over individual trees by using tree preservation orders; but

we now understand it is also possible for groups of residents to take part in a public consultation where certain trees can be given the label of "valued" which actually gives them even stronger protection than a preservation order. By holding a public consultation, we can identify the trees and hedgerows that individual residents actually care about. After all planning policy is a creative exercise in finding ways to enhance and improve the places in which people live their lives and should always centre around recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the village. It is the aim of the parish council tree team to create a list of valued trees by public consultation which can then enjoy special protection. These will be trees that we residents think of as assets to our village and which for whatever reason can be shown to enhance our day to day lives.

We would welcome every member of the village into the consultation process, children, elderly, stay at home parents or busy commuters, if there are individual trees or a group of trees or hedgerow that you care about in our village then join in the public consultation and we will try and give your special shrubs official protection because they are valued for more than just being specimens of a type of tree.

The tree team

Communications

TWENTY-four years ago, when Enid and I arrived in Linton, communications within the village consisted of the notice board on the corner of the High Street and Symonds Lane, the telephone and The Linton News. This monthly newspaper, produced by volunteers to a professional standard, was and remains unique. It is in a much healthier state than most of the national press, and we can read it without having to switch on a computer.

Most of us, though, do use a computer nearly every day, at work, at school, at home or on the move. Instead of waiting several weeks for a letter to appear in the newspaper, with perhaps another month for a reply, we can post comments on Facebook that are seen immediately. Email saves us hanging on the phone, and allows documents, such as planning applications, to be circulated instantaneously, without cost. The internet lets us find out anything that is there to be found out, also in real time. It has revolutionised our library service, with instant access to reference materials that would otherwise cost thousands of pounds, the catalogue, and downloadable magazines.

There are snags. Computers and internet connections can crash or be attacked by viruses. The parish council office can receive up to 200 emails on a bad day, and it takes time to separate the important ones from the trash. Facebook and Twitter have no editorial control, and President Trump is not the only one to use them without due discretion. Websites that are designed to make

it easier to locate information can make it more difficult to do so if their navigation systems are not crystal clear.

The parish council's redesigned website at <http://www.lintoncambridgeshire-pc.gov.uk/> or enter Linton Parish Council on a search engine, has a solution to this problem. It is, essentially, a one-stop shop with links to all local services and up to date reports on all parish council activities, including working parties, representation on local groups such as City Deal/ A1307 Liaison Forum, A1307 Villages Forum, Haverhill Town Forum and the Local and Neighbourhood Plans. The site has clear descriptions of the duties of the three local councils responsible for Linton - ourselves, South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council - with links to their websites and contact details of councillors.

The base model was provided by internet design consultant Koala, and customised to meet our needs by parish clerk Kate Wiseman and junior assistant clerk Maria French. They have produced a site that is easy and quick to get around, clearly labelled and uncluttered. Residents who do not have their own computer can reach the site via the computers in the library. For those who prefer to see things on paper, an information point with copies of current reports and documents will be set up at the entrance to the parish council office in the village hall.

Cllr John Bald

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ABBREVIATED draft minutes of the annual Linton parish council (LPC/PC) meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 17th May 2018.

Present: Cllr Paul Poulter; Cllr Merrie Mannassi; Cllr John Bald; Cllr Angharad Hammond; Cllr Kate Kell; Cllr Simon Hill; Cllr Dr Brian Cox; Cllr Dr Beatrice Ward; Cllr Chris Hine; Cllr Amy Smith; Cllr Enid Bald. Clerk: Ms Kathryn Wiseman. District Cllr John Batchelor. Members of the public: six.

Election of chairman and signing of the declaration of acceptance of office form: Cllr J Bald proposed Cllr Mannassi, this was seconded by Cllr Kell. There were no other candidates put forward so this was put to a vote. Agreed. Cllr Mannassi moved seats and signed the declaration of office form prior to the meeting commencing.

All councillors present signed a new declaration of acceptance of office form, witnessed by the clerk who countersigned all forms before the meeting continued.

Apologies for absence: Cllr Graham Potter and County & District Cllr Henry Batchelor.

Councillors' declarations of interest: Cllr Kell declared a prejudicial interest in the financial matters Army Cadet Force funding item.

Councillor vacancies: Three.

Chairman's comment: Cllr Mannassi thanked Cllr Poulter for his guidance in his capacity of chairman for the past two years and also thanked the chairs of the committees, Cllr E Bald and Cllr Potter, for all their hard work, advice and guidance. The clerk and clerking team were also thanked for their assistance and Cllr Mannassi advised that she looked forward to working with the team going forward. The chair also thanked the year 10 students from the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme which assisted the parish council with some recent planting.

Open forum for public participation: There were some residents in attendance from The Grip who advised that they have concerns regarding speeding and road safety in the village, and in particular in and around The Grip. It was advised by several of the residents that they would like to get involved with the traffic working group (TWG) and the Speedwatch program. They also advised that the Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) Local Highways Initiative application deadline was the 31st July so they would like to have some quantifiable data to submit, which the renting of the speed monitoring equipment could assist with.

The chairman addressed council and requested that the traffic matters section be moved up the agenda in light of the interest from the public, this was agreed.

Traffic matters: Consideration of Cllr Ward's request to release £350 to enable the rental of speed camera equipment to do speed testing at The Grip: This item was dealt with under public participation (see above). Cllr Ward proposed, this was seconded by Cllr E Bald. Agreed.

Review of the letter received from a resident regarding Market Square parking and High Street speeding: Clerk to formulate a response to the resident formally.

There was an update from the TWG, a written report which was used as a supporting document. The TWG advised that it is recommending the enforcement of parking restrictions through a third party. Cycle racks and planters could help to protect the area and prevent thoughtless parking.

Speedwatch training for volunteers for cover by Cambridgeshire Constabulary indemnity insurance and consideration of training course dates: The clerk updated residents regarding the Speedwatch training. Clerk to enquire with CCC regarding High Street and if the rented equipment from The Grip can be used in multiple places. The clerk requested that anyone wishing to attend the next Speedwatch courses advise the parish council office.

The residents in attendance left on this item.

Matters arising/clerk's report (for information only): The clerk updated council that the PC office had contacted BeNCH community payback scheme regarding the request for them to rub down/prepare the Cemetery railings to allow for repainting. The clerk confirmed that the next Haverhill Forum meeting was

due to be on the 16th July at the village hall in Linton. The clerk advised that the PC office had looked into the issue of whether planning permission would be required for CCTV in the High Street, however South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) would not advise until official locations were agreed and boundary maps submitted in the form of a formal application. The clerk updated council on the progress of the tender for the tree survey. She advised that she would like to set up a Village and Council Information point in the village hall, to which council agreed. The clerk requested that all councillors complete an updated Register of Interest form and return these to the PC office. The clerk also advised that as of the next meeting she would be using a recording device to assist with the meeting minutes. The Clerk also advised that the risk assessments will need to be actioned and will be distributed shortly. Clerk and Cllr Smith to work out a schedule for listing of updates.

Planning matters: Verbal report from the meeting with Celia Wignall from SCDC regarding the enquiry from LPC on Article 4 status for the conservation area: SCDC and Cambridge City Council planning departments have now combined as one shared service, which means that the resources are being shared from each council, providing a new level of interaction and input. Article 4 Direction is a piece of legislation that LPC can apply for which would assist in the protection within the village envelope. The meeting was with Celia Wignall from SCDC's conservation team and Corrie Newell was present from CN Historic to guide LPC members present throughout the meeting. This is for interesting, historic and significant properties and includes things such as houses which are not listed, however are considered to be of value to the village. This would give the village extra protection. The conservation area would need to be ratified and a conservation group would need to be formed, of approximately six people, to look at the village as a whole and review what they would put forward as a consideration. This should be reviewed as a priority and Cllr E Bald addressed the committee to see if anyone would like to participate. Clerk to arrange the meeting and to advertise in the Linton News and on the online media sources, as resident suggestions and views would be welcome. This would hopefully link in with the Conservation Neighbourhood Plan working group. This would offer particular protection against inappropriate permitted developments.

District and County Councillors' reports & business: Written report submitted. Following the recent elections SCDC now has a new regime of the Liberal Democrats. There were boundary changes which means that the Linton ward is now seven villages - Linton, Hildersham, Bartlow, both Abington's, Shudy Camps and Castle Camps. The new SCDC council now comprises of 45 members, down from the 57 members previously.

The regular planning committee meeting date will be the second Wednesday of the month, not the first, as of June. Planning officers are now rejecting any pre-application that is submitted off the back of the five year land supply. It has been hoped that the inspector's report may be in July. District Cllr John Batchelor left the meeting on this item.

Village maintenance: Consideration of the request from Cllr E Bald to purchase 20 tree guards for trees in the Cemetery and open spaces at a cost of approximately £90 per unit, plus VAT. Cllr Cox proposed, Cllr Ward seconded. Agreed.

Consideration of Cllr E Bald's request for six planters to be placed in several locations around the village as per quotation. Cllr E Bald advised that four planters would be for Market Square to protect the corner of the wall, then two planters would be placed at the Dog and Duck to prevent unsafe parking on the pavement by the entrance and the corner of the building. The schools could be contacted and involved in the maintenance. It was proposed up to £3,000 with the LPC logo. Proposed by Cllr Hammond and seconded by Cllr Poulter. Agreed.

Consideration of sending Ian Blackman of Local Handyman Services on a pesticides training course: Herbicides was clarified. This was proposed by Cllr Ward, seconded by Cllr E Bald. Agreed.

Financial matters: A remittance advice notice has been received from SCDC for the first half of the precept to a value of £85,854.50.

Consideration of the funding request from the Granta Playgroup: Cllr Poulter proposed the full amount upon agreement of a full report this was seconded by Cllr Hammond. Agreed.

Consideration of the funding request from the Army Cadet Force: Cllr Cox proposed £500.00 and suggested that in future the PC offers to match funding if further monies are requested, this was seconded by Cllr Hammond. Agreed.

Consideration of the funding request from Cambs Hearing Help: This was proposed by Cllr J Bald, seconded by Cllr Smith. Agreed.

Consideration of the sum offered from CCC for the contribution for the cutting of the verges: Agreed.

Report from the meeting with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and confirmation as to the amount the PC wish to pay/donate for a wreath for the commemorative marker for Private John Fincham: Youth groups to be involved. Cllr Smith proposed up to £100 for a wreath and donation, Cllr Hill seconded. Agreed.

Consideration of redigging of the ditch that runs parallel to the Cemetery on Rivey Lane and if this should be included as part of an annual works contract: This was originally dug by LPC as water was running down the hill and into the Cemetery affecting the ashes area. LPC approached the county council who could not afford this at the time so LPC agreed to clear this, however the PC did not agree to maintain this as it is not their responsibility. A mandate should be required from the public. Clerk to ask CCC if it will address this. Contractor to cut up to the edge of the ditch and some weedkilling may be required. Flooding down the Rivey is caused by natural springs, LPC has been having meetings with the CCC flood team to review this. Drain on the bridleway is blocked which is causing flooding.

At this point the chairman requested permission to continue the meeting, which was agreed by council.

Tree issues: Consideration of the response from Linton Granta Football Club regarding the replacement tree outside the sports pavilion. Cllr Ward, the tree warden, to speak with the football club. This was conditioned in 2012 and was a whitebeam.

Verbal update from the meeting with Miriam Hill, tree officer for SCDC, held on the 9th May: Cllr Ward intends to protect conservation area and trees within this area which are not covered by a tree preservation order, however must be assessed before work can be done. Looking to do a value assessment if possible and public consultation. If this was passed any trees in the conservation area would be called landmark trees and would have greater protection.

Verbal update on the meeting with Justin Willmott, director of Herts & Cambs Ground Maintenance Ltd regarding the cutting of Leadwell Meadows: They do not have the right machinery so cannot cut and clear but they could cut and heap it up. The next cut is due in September and by this point there should be a solution.

Consideration of adopting the phone kiosks within the village: This has been considered before, they are still active so this could be costly. These are listed and the PC would not consider until this was discontinued. Cllr Ward proposed LPC do not adopt any in the village, seconded by Cllr J Bald. This was put to a vote and agreed with eight for and two against.

Consideration of correspondence received: CCC regarding the Summer Reading Challenge 2018 held at the Linton Library: Cllr Hine proposed LPC donate the same amount as last year, seconded by Cllr J Bald. Agreed.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils invitation to renew membership: Cllr E Bald proposed, Cllr Hammond seconded. Agreed.

Resident regarding flooding on Rivey Lane footpath/bridleway: Clerk to respond.

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

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