

The lunch club meeting in July is on 9th not 2nd and there is no lunch club in August

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A new Team Rector for Linton

I AM coming to Linton to be the new Church of England Team Rector at St Mary's in Linton and also the parish churches in Castle Camps, Shudy Camps, Horseheath and Bartlow. I hope soon to have another clergy colleague to help with this large job, as well as continuing to work with the Rev Lesley Gore and some retired clergy who've been doing so much whilst there's been a vacancy. I'm looking forward to working with the fantastic team of lay Christian ministers too and all the members of the churches.

I've heard really nice things about Linton and the other villages in general, so I hope to meet as many of you as possible very soon.

For the last eight and a bit years I've been vicar of St Mark's, Newnham in west Cambridge, and before that I was vicar of Fenstanton and Hilton near Huntingdon. In fact, I've been around Cambridgeshire in church ministry for the last 33 years. When I first came here in 1982



Maggie Guite, the new team rector

Picture supplied by Maggie

there weren't women priests in the C of E. I was a deaconess, working full time for the church, preaching and taking many services but not the Holy Communion service or weddings. In 1994 women became priests and could be put in charge of parishes. I didn't have my own until 1999, because in 1994 I had a toddler and a baby on the way. Those

children are now more or less grown and flown.

My husband, Malcolm, is also a priest and chaplain at Girton College, Cambridge. He's a poet, a lecturer on literature and travels quite a bit. But you'll probably notice him around Linton, waiting for the bus to Cambridge, with his long hair and broad-brimmed hat. You may also meet us walking our young dog, Paddy. Do say "Hi" - we love to feel part of the community. Malcolm rides a Harley Davidson and has a sideline as a singer-songwriter who gigs in pubs. He'd be pleased to play roopty rocking music round here.

Well, that's us - the Guites. We say our unusual surname like the word guide, but with a t, just in case you wondered. We're looking forward to returning to village life after our spell in the city, and are delighted to be coming to a corner of Cambridgeshire with genuine hills.

Looking forward to meeting you.

Maggie Guite

Prestigious award for young accordianist

MY sister Eliz is 13 and has just won an Award For Young Musicians (AYM*).

She got her first accordion when she was five. She was already having piano lessons so started transferring her skills to the accordion.

After a concert in 2010, Eliz was playing for some friends in the Maze restaurant and was asked if she'd play at the Saffron Walden market and she accepted. It was her first time busking and as well as raising nearly £40 she also had the time of her life, being able to perform to lots of people, many stopping to talk to her about her instrument.

More recently Eliz has visited the Granta special school, giving the children a chance to listen, play and ask questions about the accordion. The children and Eliz enjoyed this so much that more visits are already planned.

Eliz is part of the Essex North Youth band, which has been running for a year now. In the past she has also been involved with folk and school bands.

Lauren Houlihan, Granta Leys



Eliz with her accordian

Picture supplied by Lauren

*Awards for Young Musicians, which was founded in 1998, helps musically talented young people to overcome the financial and social barriers they face in fulfilling their exceptional potential. They train teachers in how to spot young people's musical potential, provide strategic support to young peoples emerging talent and provide annual grants tailor-made to help individual musicians. They also lead new thinking and action on talent development awards for young musicians. Patrons include Nigel Kennedy, Paul Lewis, Julian Lloyd Webber, Dr Jonathan Miller CBE, and Sir Simon Rattle CBE.

Editor

New homes proposed for Linton

BIDWELLS the estate agents have sent the following FAQ (frequently asked questions) sheet to everyone who responded to their consultation document, to cover a number of questions raised.

Type of Housing: The current draft masterplan is for residential development with a total of 90 houses (27 on the northern part of the site and 63 on the southern part). In accordance with South Cambridgeshire District Council's planning policy requirements, 40% of the houses would be affordable housing. Of this 40%, and again in accordance with Council policy, 70% would be social housing and 30% intermediate housing. With the current draft masterplan of 90 houses this would equate to:

60% market housing - 54 dwellings.

40% affordable housing - 36 dwellings (70% social rented equating to 25 dwellings and 30% intermediate equating to 11 dwellings).

The draft masterplan is currently based on the following dwelling mix across the site as a whole:

38no. 1 or 2 bed houses,

31no. 3 bed houses,

21no. 4 bed houses

The final selling price of the 54 market houses would be led by market demand and they would be placed on the open market for sale.

The 40% (36 dwellings) affordable housing would be taken on by an affordable housing provider who would work in conjunction with South Cambridgeshire District Council to allocate the houses. They would determine eligibility criteria including for Linton residents. The exact mix of dwelling sizes for the 40% affordable housing would be agreed with South Cambridgeshire District Council and would reflect local need.

Doctor's Surgery Capacity: As part of the planning process, the NHS would be consulted and would provide a formal response regarding capacity at the Doctor's Surgery and health care provision. If related improvements to the Doctor's surgery were identified then a financial contribution would be made of an amount determined by the NHS and South Cambridgeshire District Council and paid by the developer.

School Capacity: Cambridgeshire County Council, as the Education Authority, would be consulted as part of the planning process. They would advise as to school capacity, planned or possible expansion and any required financial contributions to be paid by the developer to make improvements to the schools should planning permission be granted for the site.

Sewage System Capacity: Anglian Water would be consulted, as part of the planning process and would advise as to existing sewerage capacity and any upgrades or mitigation measures required if there was insufficient capacity. The cost of any mitigation measures which related directly to the proposed development would again be met by the developer and South Cambridgeshire District Council would oversee this. The same would apply to other service providers such as gas and electricity.

Highways: A full highways assessment of the impact of the proposal upon the surrounding highway network, including the A1307 would be submitted as an essential part of any future planning application. Cambridgeshire County Council, as the Highway Authority, would be consulted as part of the planning process and would assess the highway impact of the proposal in addition to stating whether proposed mitigation measures were suitable and acceptable. The County Council would also set out necessary financial contributions which would be paid by the developer to finance identified mitigation measures or improvements.

The submitted highways assessment would include detailed calculations regarding the number of trips forecast to be generated by the proposed development and these calculations would be reviewed by the County Council.

If planning permission was granted for the proposal, South Cambridgeshire District Council would require a Construction Management Plan to be submitted and agreed prior to the commencement of any development. This Plan would include access arrangements and construction vehicle routing, working hours and highway management measures for the construction phase and would be reviewed by both the District and County Council.

Parking: The development would make on-site parking provision in accordance with South Cambridgeshire District Council's parking requirements which are set out in their adopted Local Plan.

Footpaths: The draft masterplan contains a number of internal footpath links, which would ensure the site was accessible to existing Linton residents in addition to future occupiers of the new houses. Providing access through to the pocket park would also be considered, as would providing access through to the public footpath adjacent to the northern part of the site.

Flooding: The proposed housing would not be located within the flood zone. The development would include a detailed drainage strategy which would be agreed with both the Drainage Authority and South Cambridgeshire District Council and would ensure that the development would not have a detrimental impact upon flood risk in the locality. In addition, options to improve upon the existing flood risk for the locality would also be considered. The draft masterplan includes an attenuation pond which has the dual benefit of helping to manage flood risk whilst providing new water habitat for wildlife.

Vegetation: Existing trees and hedges would be retained wherever possible. The proposal would include a significant amount of tree planting and habitat creation, particularly along the boundary with the A1307 and the southern boundary with the river. A scheme of landscaping would be agreed with South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Timescales:

If the proposal was granted planning permission, it is anticipated that the development would be completed within five years from the date the permission was issued.

Cash boost for South Cambs communities

COMMUNITIES across South Cambridgeshire are set to benefit from nearly £34,000 of grant funding and there's still more on offer.

Since the beginning of April, 26 projects have been awarded amounts ranging from £350 to £1,500 from the District Council's Community Chest fund.

£72,000 is available this financial year for voluntary and community groups, charities and parish councils to improve the quality of village life. Grants of up to £1,500 are available for:

Improvements to community facilities

Repairs to historic buildings/monuments/memorials

Tree and hedge planting schemes

Equipment and materials

Grants awarded since April include £500 to the Mary Challis Trust in Sawston towards a computer and printer, and £1,500 towards renewing lighting in the main hall of Linton Village Hall.

Community Chest money is awarded on a first come, first served basis, so if you know of a community group or project that would benefit from a boost of up to £1,500, please get them to apply as soon as possible.

Grant applications are accepted at any time and can completely or partially cover the costs of a project, equipment or work. For application forms and full details plus guidance on eligibility visit www.scambs.gov.uk/communitychest or contact Kelly Quigley in South Cambs Council's communications team on 01954 713262 or kelly.quigley@scambs.gov.uk

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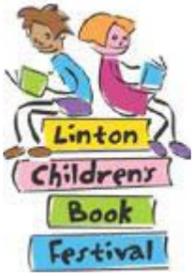
NEWLY available this month are a four-arm rotary clothes line, less than a year old and a travel cot in excellent condition with a carry bag and spare mattress.

The following are also on offer: a 19 inch ACE flat screen computer monitor with mains and computer connecting lead, a one-seater futon 2ft 6in wide, 6ft 6in long, (used twice) with removable mattress and cover, a mattress - only used as a guest bed - 1.9m long x 0.9m wide x 0.19m thick, a computer desk/dressing table 97cm long x 48cm wide x 66cm high, the materials and printer cartridges for 88XL HP Office Jet Pro series, a multipack for Epson TO487 Epson stylus photo printers and a pocket snooker table, which I have previously mistakenly described as a child's snooker table.

The sun-lounger raised £10 for the Friends of St Mary's Church.

To buy any of the above or to offer an item to profit a charity, please contact Kate France on 891602 or email kfrance@profsoundconsult.com NB: The donor chooses the charity to receive the money.

Children's author inspires creativity



THE next Linton Children's Book Festival is in May 2016, but the Bookfest team is always eager to provide opportunities to encourage children to read and be creative. This year we were excited to welcome inspiring new children's author, Ruth Hatfield, to Linton on two occasions. In April she held a writing workshop for Year 5 students at Linton Library, arranged with the support of Anne Worthington of Cambridgeshire Library Services. In June Ruth returned to hold a similar workshop with Year 6 at the Heights.

Ruth read the riveting opening to her fantasy adventure novel *The Book of Storms* and invited everyone to think about what makes a great hero in a story. The heroes we identify with are not necessarily the biggest and bravest people. She then led the children through a writing exercise to create their own characters and the first paragraph of a gripping story. The children worked intently and came up with intriguing ideas.

A follow-up to *The Book of Storms* is due out this year and Ruth is working on the third book of her trilogy. We appreciate her generosity in sharing her time and creative talents with children in the village, hopefully inspiring some authors of the future.

Anna McMahon



Ruth Hatfield with some of her young readers

Picture by Anna McMahon

Chestnut Playgroup's open day

CHESTNUT Playgroup is having an open day from 10am to 12 noon on Wednesday 8th July at the Cathodeon Centre. There will be refreshments available, as well as an opportunity to meet our friendly staff and committee and enjoy our amazing outside space and activities inside. There is no need to book, anyone can just turn up and have fun. Information packs will be available to take home. Please call 07817 069696 for more information.

Yasmin Hancock, Chair, Chestnut Playgroup Committee

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History repeats itself at the Heights

FURTHER to Year 3 and Year 6's history day back in February, Years 4 and 5 enjoyed a fascinating history day, packed with enjoyable activities and witty anecdotes on Tuesday 9th June. Our sincerest gratitude, once again, goes to Gill and Matthew from History Needs You.

Our pupils write: On Tuesday 9th June, Year 4 had a visit from two people dressed as highwaymen. One character was none other than John Palmer (aka Dick Turpin). We were all amazed to discover that, many years ago, he actually travelled to Linton.

After break we wrote with real quills and ink. The feathers felt weird in our hands and were hard to write with. At the end of the session we played a game which enacted the chase of a highwayman.

It was brilliant. (a Year 4 pupil).

The Year 5s had a fun Iron Age afternoon. First we played a great game, imagining we were either attacking or defending an Iron Age fort by throwing rocks (balls) over the ramparts (fence) at each other. We also cooked some unusual flavoured pancakes (with ground up nettles and seeds in the flour) and had honey on them. The afternoon was very exciting. We had fun and learned lots. (Grace Crewe)

This year the pupils have enjoyed a lot of curriculum enrichment. For the next academic year, we will be repeating most of the popular trips and visits and introducing some new learning experiences for our children.

James Puxley, Headteacher



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THE children are delighted that they have picked their very first crop of strawberries. They ate them for their afternoon snack out in the garden in the glorious sunshine. I did sample one and they were very tasty.

Our rainbow coloured communication drawers have been delivered. I believe the parents would agree with me when I say that they are a welcome addition to Linton Granta Playgroup and light up our waiting area.

We have also taken delivery of our new wooden coat rack which looks great and will last a very long time. Thank you from everyone at Linton Granta Playgroup to the Anderson Trust for their grant which has enabled us to purchase this much needed piece of furniture.

Thank you to those of you who very kindly donated your Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. We have ordered the equipment and hope to take delivery of the items when we return after the summer holidays.

Our Special Persons Breakfast which was held to celebrate Father's Day, was very well supported by the Dads of the children who attend. By the looks of the empty plates at the end, I think we can safely say that the Dads really enjoyed their bacon rolls with the children.

We have an extremely packed agenda for the remainder of the term, starting with our Sports Day on the 1st July, our end of year trip to Linton Zoo on the 13th and our end of year party and Graduation ceremony for our pre-schoolers.

We are now taking bookings for September 2015. We are open mornings: 9am - 12noon M - F, lunch 12noon - 12.30 pm M - F and afternoons: 12.30 - 2.30pm M, W, Th, F. Closed Tuesdays pm. Please contact us on 07806 744864 to enquire about spaces and availability, or email office@lintongrantaplaygroup. If you would like to come and have a look around, please join us on our Open Morning, Wednesday 8th July, 10am - 12noon.

Karen Thompson, Playgroup Lead



Reflections on the past year



HERE we are in the last month of the academic year and what a busy year it has been here at Linton Infant School. We have been invaded by Minions, travelled back to 1914 following the discovery of an old suitcase, set up our own TV channel, listened to some great music from the past six decades and had our very own awards ceremony. There has been a lot to celebrate this year.

Sadly though, this is also the time when we have some goodbyes to say. Two members of teaching staff are leaving us. Mr Shackleton and Mr Hinde are both moving on to the next stage in their careers. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and commitment to the school. Mr Shackleton, we will miss your knowledge of all things Star Wars and Mr Hinde, your singing around the school will be missed.

We also say goodbye to our Year 2 pupils who move on to the next stage of their learning. 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 they are at the infant school. At the time of writing, our Sport's Day is yet to take place but I hope that the sun shines for us. This is scheduled for 1.30pm on Friday 3rd July on Camping Close.

Our last day of term is Wednesday 22nd July and the first day back is Thursday 3rd September. We look forward to seeing all the children back ready to learn. I hope you all enjoy the summer break spending time with your family and friends.

Louise Clark, Headteacher
Linton CE Infant School

Come and see the new works of Linton artist Kaela-Ann Cooper

OPEN STUDIOS is about visiting artists in their studios and generally having a chat and seeing what other people do.

It is a free event and everyone is welcome to come. As part of the Cambridge Open Studios I will be opening my studio at 88 Finchams Close from 11am to 6pm on the weekends of 4th - 5th July 11th - 12th July and 25th - 26th July.

This year I have a lot of new work including scenes of Linton itself. I will also have cards of my work for sale.

I mainly paint in acrylic but have several illustrations in gouache and watercolour too so I have a great variety of work.

Kaela-Ann Cooper, 891029



Photo of Kaela-Ann with some of her work

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Local Services input.

Dear Editor
Please could Raymond Brignall call me again on 891602 as I now have the bicycle maintenance information he wants.
Kate France, 891602

More Information needed

Would Miss I Thomson get in touch with the Editor on 891517 or give her full address via a letter in the Post Office.

OUR THANKS

Dear Editor
I would like to thank people for their kindness in sending me cards and flowers on the sudden death of my son, Peter Hilliard.
Thank you all so much.
Julia Hilliard, Tower View

Dear Editor
We would like to thank Jill Smyth who has served for several years as the parish administrator to Revd Julie Norris with the administration of the seven churches served by her ministry team. We wish Jill every success in her new full time job. We are now looking for a replacement.

If you would like more details about this interesting and flexible paid work with Julie and the team please contact me via: HolyTrinityHildersham@gmail.com or 0787 546 9538
Closing date for applications is Wednesday 15th July
Andrew Westwood-Bate

It's Show Time again

THE 73rd Linton & District Gardening Club Annual Show is fast approaching and will be held on Saturday 25th July in the Village Hall. Here's hoping that the weather has encouraged the plants to grow and that the pests have stayed away.

There are lots of vegetable, fruit, flower and pot plant classes for the gardeners to enter. New classes include *Funniest or most misshapen vegetable* and *A pot plant in an unusual container*. If you are not green fingered there are also arts, crafts, photography, flower arranging, baking and preserves classes which means that everyone can find something to enter.

The children's section this year includes classes which celebrate the 150th Anniversary of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. Children can have fun creating exhibits such as a crown for the King or Queen of Hearts (age 7 and under) or a fun hat for the Mad Hatter's tea party (age 8-14).

Everyone can enter as many classes as they like. The entry fee for adults is 20p per exhibit whilst children's entries are free. It is all about the fun of entering, but there are also prize cards, small monetary prizes and trophies to be won. Schedules (50p) and entry details are available from Helen (893577) or Susan (891623). Entry forms must be received at 9 Balsham Road by 8pm on Thursday 23rd July.

The Show will open its doors at 2.30pm and the prize giving and raffle will be held at 4.15pm. Everyone is welcome to come and see the exhibits and enjoy a cup of tea and cake. We look forward to seeing you there.

Helen Townsend (Show Secretary)
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Life as an auctioneer

OUR speaker, David Palmer, donned a patchwork waistcoat made for him by a WI Member, and commenced to show us the funny side of the saleroom.

He remembers one lot was a slipper bedpan followed by two brown stools. Another lot was a quantity of incontinence pads. A bidder put a cane on top of a valuable Georgian linen press and the drawer front fell off. A TV screen everyone was watching went blank and smoke poured out. He sold pianos from the Manchester Deaf Centre.

Several elderly people at one auction dozed off and he thought they had died. Sometimes, when bidding is slow, David will say: "Is there anybody in from Norfolk?" (or some other place) and invariably a few people will put in a bid. On one occasion a big man came in, sat on an antique chair and it collapsed.

On a TV broadcast, an expert had brought in some ladies leg nutcrackers and a picture of a semi-clad woman, whereupon he was inundated with phone calls trying to sell erotica in which he has no particular interest.

On *Bargain Hunt*, the potter's initials on a revolting Doulton jug not being recognised, were found to be those of a potter who lived well into her 90s and who was almost completely blind. The jug was one of her later works.

Other mishaps were a gavel head flying off, and also accidentally knocking a lady's glasses off. Nowadays he is fully insured for any damage he may cause.

Our next meeting will be on 7th July. The talk will be *Life as an International Airline Pilot* by Mark Linney.

Sally Proberts



The waistcoat just goes to show that anything can happen in the saleroom

Picture by Wendy Foster

Balsham Flower Festival

SUMMER the Balsham flower festival will take place in Holy Trinity church in Balsham on Friday and Saturday 18th and 19th July from 11am until 4.30pm.

There will be a café which will be open from 11am until 4pm for morning coffee, lunch or afternoon tea. There will also be a raffle, tombola, a local produce stall and a book stall. Donations to all of these will be most welcome.

There will also be a walking village quiz for all the family to enjoy on each of the two days. Copies of the quiz are available at the church and cost only £3 per family. Completed forms must be returned by 4pm on the Sunday. Each day there is a prize suitable for adults and children.

Linton Jazz will be playing Music for summer in the church in aid of the flower festival at 7.30pm on Saturday 18th July. To reserve your tickets, which are only £8, please call Jo Stinton on 290772 or email jonotmits@gmail.com

To round off the weekend there will be a Songs of Praise service at 5pm in the church at which everyone is welcome.

We look forward to welcoming you to this year's festival.
Elizabeth De-Ath,
Jo Stinton



Festive Flowers from the past

Picture supplied by Jo Stinton

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Play & Stay, Alternate Tuesdays, 9.30-11am	CC
WEA, Tuesdays, 10am term-time	VH
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Linton Granta playgrp, 9am-12noon Monday-Friday	LVC
Linton Granta Toddler grp, 9.30-11.30 Tuesdays	term time LVC
Linton Granta playgrp, 12.30-2.30pm Mon-Fri, NOT Tues	LVC
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Jelly Beans playgroup, 9-11.30am Thursdays	URC
Computer buddies, 2-4pm, Thursdays	Library
Cricket club, 6-8pm Thursdays	RG, LVC
Carpet bowls, 7.30pm Thursdays	VH
Bumps to babies, 1.15-2.45pm Thursdays	CC
Table tennis club, 8-10pm Thursdays term time only	URC hall
Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, 9.15-10am Fridays	CP
St Mary's church choir, 7-8.30pm Fridays	St Mary's
Bridge club, 7pm Fridays	CC

For sports centre courses please call LVC sports centre on 890248

JULY 2015	
1 Reading Group, 8pm	VH(upstairs)
2 Licensing of Rev Maggie Guite, 7.30pm	St Mary's
3,4&5 Flower Festival	St Mary's
3 Infant School Sports Day, 1.20pm	Camping Close
4 Farmers' Market, 9am	LVC
4&5 Open Studios, 11am-6pm	88 Finchams Close
6 Camera club, 7.15pm	CC
7 WI, 7.30pm	VH
8 Community Navigator, 10am -12noon	HC
8 Chestnut Playgroup Open Day, 10-12noon	CC
9 Lunch club, 12noon	Red Lion
11&12 Open Studios, 11am-6pm	88 Finchams Close
11 Library Friends, 7.30pm	Library
12 Linton Infant School Summer Fair, 5pm	LIS
12 Lighthouse, 10.15am -12noon	URC
13 Linton Book festival planning mtg, 6pm	LH
14 VIP group, 2pm	Chalklands
15 Cambridge Hearing Help, 9.30am -12noon	HC
16 Parish council meeting, 7.30pm	CC
17 Daylight Readers, 10.30am	Library
19 Walking group, 11am	Church Lane
19 Messy Church, 2.30pm	St Mary's
21 Historical society, 7.30pm	VH
25 Summer Fayre, 1pm-4pm	Symonds House
25 Gardening Club Annual Show, 2.30pm	VH
25&26 Open Studios, 11am-6pm	88 Finchams Close

AUGUST 2015	
1 Farmers' Market, 9am	LVC
3 Camera Club, 7.15pm	CC
4 WI, 7.30pm	VH

KEY: CC Cathodeon centre, CP church pavilion, D&D Dog and Duck, HC health centre, LH Linton Heights school, LIS Linton Infant school, LVC Linton village college, RG recreation ground, URC United Reform church, VH village hall.
Library times: Mon closed; Tue 10am-5pm; Wed 4pm-7pm; Thurs 2pm-5pm; Fri 10am-5pm; Sat 10am-1pm.
Linton refuse collection (black bin): 6th and 20th July.
Linton recycling collection: 13th and 27th July.

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We are now open four days a week from Thursday-Sunday, from March to October. You don't have to be booked on a wine tour you can just drop in anytime between 9am-5pm for a refreshment or light bite. The Bistro has a lovely atmosphere and a great team of staff led by Maxine Barnes (no relation to our winemaker). We are TripAdvisor five star rated for the third year running, with our Tour guide Ged constantly getting high praise for his tours and his knowledge of the British wine industry.



Chilford Hall bistro

Picture by Kelly Springham

The overall team is led by Vanessa Van Heerden and Kelly Springham who are pushing the sales and marketing of Chilford Hall and hoping to introduce things such as a cheese and wine festival and local farmers' markets. With local produce being so on trend, its time we put ourselves out to the local area. We are now on many local pubs' wine lists and our new website with its wine shop is proving very popular.

If you're stuck for something to do this weekend look no further - the vineyard team is waiting to meet you.

For all enquiries call 895600 or email: events@chilfordhall.co.uk or visit: www.chilfordhall.co.uk

Kelly Springham, Events Manager

Free Alarms 4 Life for Landlords

LANDLORDS of privately rented properties in Cambridgeshire can pick up free smoke and carbon monoxide alarms from Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service at its fire stations on the first Monday of July, August and September.

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For full details, dates and where to collect alarms, see www.cambsfire.gov.uk/fire-safety/alarms4life.php. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for the latest news and updates.

Leanne Ehren, Media and Communication Officer, CFRS

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PLODDING ALONG An update on police matters

WE are appealing for any information regarding an attempted break-in to business premises in the High Street, Linton. The attempt happened between 4.20-4.30am on Monday 25th May. Two males wearing balaclavas were seen to get out of a silver saloon vehicle, possibly a Volvo. Both males had crow-bars and attempted to gain entry to the premises but were unsuccessful.

If anyone saw anything suspicious in the area around this time, please do not hesitate to contact me. The crime reference number is:- CF0207590515.

PCSO 7239 Leanne Fisher, Business Watch Officer

Some time between Saturday 30th May and Monday 1st June unknown persons attempted to gain entry into a property in Mill Lane via wooden-framed patio doors. They tried to damage the lock with a jemmy bar resulting in several scratch marks to a wooden door and frame. No entry was gained to the property.

PCSO Chris Wiseman, Sawston police station

Summer at Wandlebury

FROM the green wood, from the dark wood. From 8pm on Thursday 9th to Saturday 11th July Cambridge experimental theatre group perform in magnificent settings among the trees of the Jubilee Wood. Book ahead or find more information from www.insitutheatre.co.uk or call 211451 or purchase a ticket at the park from 7pm.

Summer picnic and music concert From 3.30pm on Sunday 26th July in the Inner Ring. This is a free event, no need to book, but donations are welcome at the end.

Children's summer holiday activities For most bring a drink and a snack and dress for being outside. Advance booking essential. There is a small charge. Children must be accompanied throughout except for the last event. Meet at the Wandlebury stable rooms.

Swishy-Swashy grass From 10am to 12noon on Tuesday 28th July for ages five and over. Examine the huge variety of plants and animals that make their homes in the grass.

Fairy giggles and grubby From 2-4pm on Tuesday 28th July for ages three to six. Includes storytelling, fairy hide and seek, building shelters for small mammals, making a fairy.

Forgotten Wandlebury From 10am-12pm on Wednesday 29th July for ages six and over. Find out how people lived over 2500 years ago and have fun building your own Iron Age round-house.

Fun in the woods From 2-4pm on Wednesday 29th July for ages five and over. Build and decorate shelters, help make a small bonfire, dress for being outside.

Wandlebury woodland adventures From 10am-4pm on Friday 31st July for ages six-ten. Unaccompanied event - leave your child for the day. Meet at the Wandlebury stable rooms. Learn skills such as den building, fire making and cooking bread. Bring a packed lunch and dress for being outdoors. Advance booking essential.

For more information: emailbookings@cambridgeppf.org, call 243830 ext. 207, see www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on

Memorial tree planted for former Aztecs Coach

ON Saturday 30th May, Linton Aztecs JFC welcomed a number of local under-tens football teams to play at Linton Village College in the first Rob Tidswell Memorial Tournament.

Linton Aztecs had two under ten teams in the competition - the Whites and the Blues, who were managed and coached for four years by Rob Tidswell until he sadly passed away

last year.

The tournament was a great success with the under tens, their parents and local families having a fun-packed footballing day.

As the event drew to a close a memorial tree was planted at LVC by the under-tens players, close to the area where Linton's junior teams train and play their home matches. The small ceremony, in memory of the boys' former manager and coach, was attended by members of his family.

Linton ATC looking for their ex-cadets

2523 (LINTON) Squadron Air Training Corps is celebrating its 40th birthday this year. If you were a Linton cadet any time between 1975-2015 we'd love to hear from you. Even better, if you have any photographs we could copy, we'd like to create a 40 years' gallery for our website. The squadron is planning a barbecue on Friday 4th September at Linton Village College and hopes to get together many current and ex-members, young and old, to celebrate. So if you are interested in meeting up to tell stories of adventure, comradeship and daring exploits during your time with 2523 Linton Squadron, please contact us with your details.

Contact the squadron at training@aircadets.org or [oc.2523@aircadets.org](tel:012232523)

Lucy Tennison, on behalf of 2523 Linton Squadron

Local lives

ANY time you are out and about in Linton you are likely to encounter a tall figure in a distinctive Tibetan hat and with a hairy dog on a long lead. He is very likely to have his head buried in a book as well. This is Robert-Louis Abrahamson, an American who has lived in Linton for the past 13 years.

Robert-Louis was born in Philadelphia and attended Amherst College there. The house opposite his own in Linton was the home of Henry Steele Commager, a well-known academic. Henry was a history professor in Amherst, Massachusetts and the house is named after that college.

Robert-Louis met his wife Juliet in London through this professor. A small world indeed. He studied Scottish literature at Edinburgh University and for 30 years was professor of English at the University of Maryland, European Division. He has recently given this up to devote himself to writing and editing. He now has a fortnightly radio show on Cambridge 105 called *Evening under Lamplight*, an hour long programme which



Robert-Louis and Tashi comfortable at home

Picture by Sarah Hurcum

features readings and songs. He is also in the process of writing a book on the essays of Robert Louis Stevenson which will be published by Edinburgh University Press in November. Also in the offing is another book about bringing to life the myths of Dante. When he isn't writing and editing Robert-Louis enjoys walking his dog, a Tibetan terrier, Tashi (Tibetan for lucky), baking his own bread and cooking Italian, Indian and Chinese food.

Robert-Louis' appetite for literature knows no bounds. He has just started reading the novels of Jane Austen yet again. So when you next see him in the village with Tashi, the book in which he is engrossed will probably be Emma.

Sarah Hurcum

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Linton Country Matters by Frances Armes Illustrated by Maureen Williams



Beauty and the Beast

WHEN I was a child being given a book on pond life by my uncle sparked my interest in dragonflies.

In fact I was only interested in the dragonfly larva, which was billed as being the beastly voracious predator of the bottom of the pond. It explained that the larvae (or nymphs) hatch out from the eggs and live for up to two years in which time they have moulted up to 15 times, getting larger each time. I was fascinated to learn that at the end of that time they crawl up a leaf or stalk and with a final moult turn into a beautiful dragonfly or damselfly (there is not a pupal stage as with butterflies and it is not a full metamorphosis).

Many years later the dragonfly came into my consciousness when in Cornwall with the family. Following a picnic on the beach we were walking back to the car up the promenade carrying all the picnic paraphernalia when there was a sudden clattering sound and a large yellow dragonfly landed on the plaid blanket being carried by my husband. Instantly people crowded round and began taking photographs. Of course I had not taken a camera and was idly thinking could I ask someone to post me a photo home when my husband, fearing the dragonfly was going to be crushed in the melee, said: "Well it's only plastic." Immediately the crowd withdrew and the dragonfly, giving the lie to his words, flew off.

Thus we were delighted when we heard that we now lived

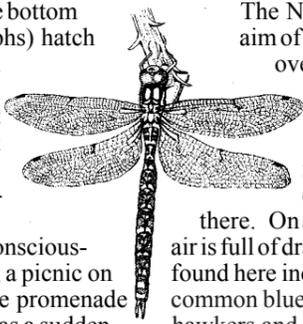
close to the National Trust nature reserve of Wicken Fen, which is known as one of the best centres in the country for seeing dragonflies.

The National Trust bought Wicken Fen in 1899 with the aim of preserving it as a wetland and aim to increase its size over time. Some of the fen has never been under agricultural cultivation although it has been managed as a fen and thus it is full of wetland wildlife. It has many acres of sedge, which are simply cut and used in thatching. These unique sedge fens are perfect for dragonflies and up to 22 species have been recorded there. On a warm summer day with no high wind I am told the air is full of dragonflies flying along the watercourses. Damselflies found here include the emerald, azure, variable, the red-eyed and common blue. Dragonflies include the hairy, southern and brown hawkers and black-tailed skimmer and the emperor.

There is even a Dragonfly Centre, which is run as a joint venture between the British Dragonfly Society, and the National Trust. It is open from 11am to 4pm at weekends from late May to the end of September. Inside the building there are displays, dragonfly miscellany and a slideshow.

There are some courses on dragonflies run during the holidays. Please contact the Wicken Fen Visitor Centre (01353 720274) for more information.

Note Dragonfly week is the 4th to 12th July.



If anyone would like to contribute their knowledge of country matters to the paper please contact the editor on 891517 or on lneditor@linton.info

Knitting Group open day



Needles, wool and chat from the busy ladies

Picture by Roger Lapwood

LADIES of the Chalklands knitting group, who come from Linton and the nearby villages, held an open day on 27th May at the Chalklands community room.

They were able to show ten sacks of finished warm clothing and blankets to be sent to the charity *Armenian Ministries* for distribution among the many poverty stricken families of Armenia. The temperature can dip to -14°C in winter in the mountainous areas of Armenia.

The ladies also knit hats for Haverhill community midwives for newborn babies and the premature baby unit of the Rosie maternity hospital.

The knitting group meets every other week on Wednesday afternoons. Donations of wool for the knitting group would be much appreciated by Jean Whitby at 3 Chalklands, 893645, who also has a large collection of knitting needles available for sale. Kate France, Emson's Close, 891602

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What is the sum of the nth Group?

IF the counting numbers are grouped as follows, what is the sum of the 10th group? The 100th group? In fact any group? (1) (2 + 3) (4 + 5 + 6) (7 + 8 + 9 + 10) (11 + 12 + 13 + 14 + 15) etc.

Hence we get 1, 5, 15, 34, 65 etc.

Solution to 123 - What are the childrens ages?

The childrens' ages are 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6. However if each child is 4 years old, then the resultant sum is 5120. (Although this could be considered improbable).

Urania

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hildersham News

Outspoken Theatre Company

ON 1st August we are delighted to welcome back the Outspoken Theatre Company to give another outdoor theatre performance this time with *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Last year they set the bar very high with *The Comedy of Errors* and this year fairies will have plenty of scope for mischief in the magical setting of the Old School Wood.

If you haven't been to one of these performances before come prepared for an interval picnic (bring your own champagne), bring rugs in case the evening breeze picks up, and even your own seats if you prefer a garden chair to those we can provide. The audience sits in the car park and the action takes place in the surrounding woodland.

Curtain up at 6.30pm

Tickets for this wonderful event remain at £10, U18's £5 and are available on the gate or by contacting Cathy Myer on 892848 or at catherinemyer43@btinternet.com

Come to the fayre

THERE will be a Summer Fayre on Saturday 25th July from 1pm to 4pm at Symonds House.

The stalls will be tombola, raffle, bric-a-brac, cakes, refreshments, books, DVDs and jumble.

If anybody would like to have a stall at our fayre it will be £5 a pitch.

Julie Cleland

Lunch club date change

THE Linton Lunch Club in July will be on Thursday, 9th July and not on the 2nd July.

The 2nd July is very full with the Licensing of The Rev Canon Dr Maggie Guite and preparations for the Flower Festival, 3rd July to 5th July.

No Lunch Club in August.

Alan Clarkson

Bead threader

A BEAD lady has replied to my search for a bead threader. She is not just a threader but someone who really knows about beads, stones, spacers and clasps and seems able to match or contrast beads to repair or lengthen favourite necklaces.

Mrs Val Chase (891148) has kindly agreed to help on the jewellery stall at St Mary's Church flower festival. If you would like to meet her please come to see the flowers and find Val at the festival on 4th July.

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Can you help ?

I was walking along Horseheath Road towards the A1307 and looking across towards Balsam Road when I saw a large bird soaring and obviously hunting. After discounting the possibility of a kite I noticed the under wing markings. On studying photos, the nearest I could find was a golden eagle. I know East Anglia is not known for these birds, although I have seen a buzzard in Coldhams Lane, Cambridge I wonder if this could have been an escapee or in transit?

Len Hastings

Editor's note: I know precious little about birds so if anyone else can help please email me on lneditor@linton.info or leave a copy in the post office.

Local health and wellbeing centre opens new studio

CHIROPRACTIC and massage therapy couple, Ed and Jo Groenhart, have begun seeing patients at a brand new, purpose built studio Cambridgeshire Family Chiropractic Centre at 4 The Woodlands.

Ed and Jo Groenhart sold their previous chiropractic and massage business, in Nottinghamshire, last year, and have moved to Linton to bring up their young family in this thriving village. Ed, a registered chiropractor since 2001, continues the story, "It took us four years of searching to find our perfect location to bring up a family and start a new business, and the new studio is the next step, providing a bespoke, high-end feel to our practice. We mostly see pregnant ladies and their families, so the whole project was planned with this in mind."

The practice is now able to see twice as many patients as before, and provides patients with a homely, yet stylish experience in a countryside location.

Plans are now afoot to welcome groups to the studio for talks given by doulas, hypno-birthing instructors and baby massage therapists. Anyone interested in finding out more is asked to contact Jo on 07870 568 548 or to email jogroenhart@hotmail.co.uk.

Ed Groenhart

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WE have just got to the end of another enrichment week at the college. Many schools no longer have such extravaganzas but I have always firmly believed that strong programmes of enrichment help students with their educational development as great people and great learners. Let me describe the Year 7 trip to Boulogne for example.

The day before the trip the students spend time with their language teachers learning and practising the words and phrases that they are going to use. They are encouraged to go to the canteen and order an ice cream in French, they have to find French items in a treasure hunt around the school and they are taught how to recognise the shops and public places they will experience on their trip.

At 5am the next morning we gather at school and set off on our journey. Around half the 170 children will never have been to France before, so the excitement is tangible as we near the channel. The Pupil Premium Allowance that we get for every disadvantaged child allows us to provide the trip to those children for free. This is a trip that those children would never have experienced with their families and that makes it feel quite magical.

When we arrive in France we visit the Aquarium at Nausicaa and marvel at the sharks and sea lions, then we head into town to buy things: silly berets and sun glasses, hats, pâtisseries, bread, candy floss and pancakes. All of these items are bought using French to negotiate the transactions. Every child has to use their language skills and the shopkeepers and waiters play along, even if their own English is very good. The children are always immensely proud of their purchases in French. We end the day with a trip to Cite de Europe to stock up on French goodies before we return home for around 9pm. It's a long day for the staff, someone is always travel sick, there are always complicated problems to sort out... a lost passport, a broken phone or camera, a spilt drink, a parent who forgets to collect their child, but it is always memorable and fun. Apart from the French learned and put to use it is also a great way for a teacher, the headteacher perhaps, to really get to know a small number of children in a more relaxed setting. Relationships are so important in teaching and count for so much. They help us to understand what motivates the children and for the children to know how to get the best out of us too. Long may enrichment week continue.

Caroline Derbyshire, Principal

Record haul for charity football game

ON bank holiday Sunday, 2nd May, the seventh annual charity football match, in memory of Alf Hughes from the village, took place on Linton recreation ground. The weather held out and a decent crowd turned up to watch Aztecs veterans win 6-2 against Linton Granta veterans, so winning the trophy for the first time since 2011.

Alf was heavily involved with boys' football in the village and this year a boys' game between Aztecs under 12s and under 11s (which finished in a very exciting 4-4 draw) followed the veterans match. Alf passed away in 2008 and the last years of his life were afflicted with Parkinson's.

A post match BBQ and raffle, along with player match fees and an extremely generous contribution of £350 from Linton Granta Football Club, helped raise £1200, a record for the event by some margin. The event has now raised a total of £3,702 which has gone to help Parkinson's UK (parkinsons.org.uk) find a cure for the disease.

The Hughes Family would like to say a big thank you to all those who helped organise the event and those who helped out on the day, players and spectators, Linton Granta Football club for use of the facilities and their donation, and local companies, such as the Dog and Duck, the Crown Inn and Crem Recruitment, who donated raffle prizes.

Stuart Hughes



The Way We Were by Garth Collard

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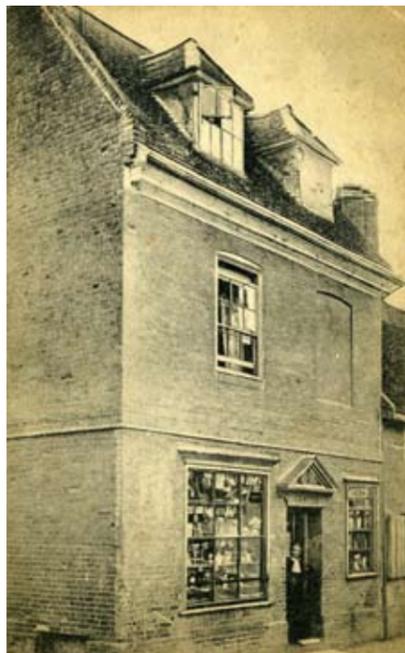
A WEEK or two ago a kind lady living in Sawston gave me a beautiful coloured postcard of Linton with five views of the village dating from around 1900. The postcard was printed in Germany because before 1914 the best quality and cheapest postcards were nearly all printed in Germany.

The card was published by Mrs Carter of The Fancy Stores in Linton. Her business was at number 80 High Street and was officially called a *fancy repository*. There were two shops at the front of the house, one was a jewellers and watchmakers owned by Harry Carter, known locally as *Moonshine Carter*. His sister Caroline, better known to locals as *Carrie Carter*, owned the confectionery, tobacconist and fancy goods shop next door selling stationery and mementoes including sets of china.

One householder on the Heights told me that he had items of china stamped with the name of the shop. I know sets of the china were presented as prizes at village fetes.

Many local people told me that children rang the shop bell and whilst Carrie was occupied stole sweets and cigarettes. Moonshine Carter was easily fooled when he was in charge. Children would ask him to fetch something from downstairs and whilst he was in the cellar they would steal cigarettes and sweets. I imagine that some readers might have a guilty conscience.

Numbers 76-80 were usually owned by the same person in the deeds covering the period from 1739 to 1986 before they became private residences. The late Professor Barry Leighton was kind enough to let me see the deeds in 1986. All of these



Carter's shop from the 1890s

Picture from Garth's collection

buildings are Grade II listed. Number 80 dates from the late 18th century and has a timber frame faced with brick while the cottages 76 and 78 date from the early 17th century and were once one dwelling. The two cottages are shown on the 1600 map of Linton but there is nothing built on the number 80 site.

In 1752 a baker, Richard Emmerson, bought the whole site for £34 and operated his bakery at number 78. His grandson, Richard Semperingham Haywood, inherited the properties in the 1740s and built the present number 80 house let out as two shops, one to George Carter of Haverhill, a watch and clockmaker. Carter is recorded in the churchwarden accounts as the mender and winder of the church clock. Semperingham was a hopeless manager of money and was forced to sell the whole site in 1840 to William Battyll, a rich property owner living in Mill Lane. Carter leased the shops from Battyll as did a baker called English Tyler. By 1870 the bakery had closed being replaced by a public house called *The Tally Ho* because the whole site had been bought by a Pampisford brewer called William Scruby.

Carter's fancy shop expanded and he secured the sole Linton agency to sell Hornimans Pure Teas, (costing from 2/8d to 3/8d per lb) shown by the sign in the attached picture taken in 1880. In 1909 Harry and Caroline Carter bought number 80 for £265 and placed the pediment over the shop entrance. After Harry died in 1926 and Caroline, aged 70 in 1929, Harry's son George Carter took over and ran both businesses which were eventually sold and turned into private residences.

Come and play football

LINTON Granta football club runs three men's football teams, so all talents are catered for. If you are new to Linton and have an interest in playing, or if you just have an interest in playing, pre-season training starts at 7pm at the Meadow on 1st July.

The club prides itself on its friendliness and so if you want to join us either phone Nigel on 07740 639957 for further details or just turn up on 1st July or any subsequent Wednesday or Monday.

Nigel De'Ath



S/1347/15/FL. Mr & Mrs G Gowlett, 16 Mill Lane. Erection of detached cart lodge with studio space above to rear of dwelling in place of existing garage.

S/1412/15/DC. Mr Steven Impey, 142 High St. Discharge of conditions 3 (Traffic management plan) of application S/2694/14/FL for demolition of existing house and garages.

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The rise and rise of Linton Village Cricket Club

LINTON cricket club is now reaping the reward for years of hard work by local volunteers and a genuine cricket for all policy.

Linton first team has now made five wins out of six in the league with a recent comfortable five wicket home win against Barrington. Both Linton second and third teams are also enjoying competitive seasons and are both stacked with well-coached juniors more than capable of handling themselves in senior cricket. In addition, the junior sides are competing with some of the biggest sides in the area and contain some very talented cricketers.

A magnificent opening spell of two for 34 off eight overs from 14-year-old Luke Gouldstone versus Elmton is proof of how well Linton juniors are adapting to life in senior cricket. A four for 33 off seven overs from 19-year-old Thomas Wrenn in the same game also proves that the strategy of growing the club from the bottom is working.

The club's mid-week side is also over subscribed with players all wanting to get involved and the club may have to introduce a second team next season.

So all in all, Linton village cricket club is now proving to be a thriving local club with a great atmosphere in which to play cricket and socialise.

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Parish Council Matters

Neighbourhood Plan

volunteers rally round

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

LAST month the development of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for Linton and Hildersham passed a crucial milestone and all thanks to the enthusiasm of the residents of both parishes. An 'amazing' 35 residents from both villages volunteered to join the five working groups which will take the NP forward to the formal consultation on the plan this year. Enormous thanks are due to these volunteers who have offered to engage with this challenging but vitally important task. There are five working groups, one for each of the five key themes of the plan which are: location and type of housing development; protection of character/heritage/history; road safety; encouragement of use of public spaces, allotments and paths; environment, by the encouragement of bio-diversity, agriculture and flood protection.

The working groups will engage with residents and other interested groups, such as landowners, to gather views and collect evidence which will be used to formulate the key 'land use' policies which are the centre of the NP. Once approved, these policies will guide the future development of the **two villages for the next 15 years**. To be clear, NPs are not 'barriers' to change - in fact far from it. NPs can, **provided there is evidence**, be very radical in tackling issues such as local housing needs and developing better and safer natural and built environments. In essence, a NP is a community led planning framework for guiding future development so that the quality of life for this and future generations of residents is maintained. This is called **sustainable development** and is at the heart of national planning policy. The working groups have the support of both parish councils, a consultant - Corrie Newell, a project manager - Sue Parry, South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) planners and if required a national organisation - Locality at www.locality.org.uk

The local context of the NP is - and no South Cambs resident can be unaware of it - the exciting but also daunting scale of development which is being sketched out for our region, and our 'corner' of it in particular. We are indeed lucky to be in a region where prosperity is rising and training and employment prospects for the future look very good. Future growth will not come about without change and this has been embraced by the SCDC Local

Plan which informs our local NP. But it is also the responsibility of this generation to ensure that what is **truly** distinctive about our villages is not lost for future generations. This includes 'intangibles' such as views of a unique landscape, health preserving recreational green spaces for old and young, 'convenient for all' thriving and safe village centres, roads that are safe for all users, a clean, healthy and diverse natural environment in which to grow up in or retire to, an outstanding architectural heritage and above all a sense of community.

Importantly NPs can also ensure that the interests of local residents, old, young, single or with families who struggle to 'compete' for suitable housing, are not sidestepped and that the roads and services in our thriving villages don't become overwhelmed. NPs can also protect valuable village and community assets and give preference to certain types of development directly beneficial to the communities. But the only way that villagers can have a statutory say (that is a view that must be taken into account) in all these issues and a say in the future 'shape' of their villages is through the development and approval of a NP.

Crucially, no-one will impose NP policies on villagers; these have to be community led, evidenced based and approved in a referendum. (Naturally NP Policies cannot contradict national policy or the policies of the SCDC Local Plan and other relevant legislation). The parish councils will work alongside the working groups to ensure that the maximum degree of community engagement takes place through meetings, events, mailings, hopefully information 'hubs' and of course the parish council websites and facebook page, see details in the contacts box below right. (Please note that we hope that the new Linton parish council website, which will contain a dedicated section for the NP, will go live in a few weeks). So please take advantage of all these 'channels' to find out more and to make sure that your views count. Local evidence and insights are invaluable in developing the right policies for our villages.

So I hope this article gives some idea of where we are with the NP, why it matters and why we should all be very supportive of our volunteers.

Cllr Paul Poulter and the NP team

Current appointed council and committee representatives

Committee representatives:

Planning Committee - Cllrs Bald, Bumstead, Champion, Miller (vice chair), Walker (chair), Ward and Wilson.
Finance Committee - Cllrs Bald, Cox, Manley, Potter (chair) and Poulter (vice chair).
Personnel Committee - Cllrs Bald, Bumstead, Champion and Poulter.

Council representatives:

Allotment Association (Rachel Fosberry) - Cllr Hill.
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CAPALC) - vacancy.
Cathodeon Trust Trustees - PC trustees Cllrs Champion and Wilson. Mr Andrew Gore & Dr Val Urwin continue in office.
Charles & Mary Anderson Trust - Cllr Cox.
Linton Granta Bowls Club - Cllr Manley.
Linton Granta Football Sports & Social Club - Cllrs Manley and Potter.
Linton Parish Publications Directors - Cllrs Bald and Cox.
Parish Charities Trustees - Cllr Potter, Mr John Linsdell, Ms Esther Cornell and Mrs Anne Meeks.
Police Liaison - Cllrs Champion and Walker.
Public Transport - Cllr Hill.
Tree Warden - Cllr Ward.

Village Hall - Cllr Mannassi (Cllr Bald - reserve).
Youth (Barry Easton) - Cllrs Manley, Miller and Ward.
Working groups (advisory committees):
Allotment - Cllrs Bald, Hill and Ward.
CCTV Control - Cllrs Manley and Potter.
Cemetery - Cllrs Bald, Bumstead, Ward and Wilson.
Churchyard - Cllrs Bald, Cox and Wilson (maximum of 3).
Glebe Land - Cllr Cox.
Open Spaces and Environment - Cllrs Bald and Ward.
Procedures Review - Cllrs Bald, Bumstead, Champion, Hill, Manley, Mannassi, Miller, Poulter, Walker and Ward.
Recreation Ground - Cllrs Manley, Potter and Wilson.
Rights of Way - Cllrs Bumstead, Hill and Mannassi (Dr Judy Rossiter co-opted).
River, Wildlife and Leadwell Meadows Warden - Cllr Cox.
S106 - Cllrs Bald, Bumstead, Champion, Manley, Poulter, Ward and Wilson.
Traffic (A1307, traffic & parking) - Cllrs Bald, Champion, Manley, Poulter, Walker and Ward, Ms Esther Cornell.
Venture Playground - Cllrs Manley, Potter, Poulter and Wilson.
Website/Social Media - Cllrs Mannassi, Miller, Potter, Poulter and Walker.

Your parish council

THERE are some 8,500 councils at parish level in England. As a tier of local government we are elected bodies, with discretionary powers and rights laid down by Parliament to represent our parish and provide services for it. Policy has centred on the fact that we act as a focus for local opinion and provide a way to try to get things done that is best suited to our local community. Parish councils act as sounding boards for local opinion, though the range of services and amenities provided varies enormously. We often work with local voluntary organisations, local partner organisations, and other tiers of local government and have an important role in providing and improving local services and amenities.

There are certain obligations which by law Linton parish council must fulfil. It must hold an annual meeting and at least three other meetings a year. Linton parish council meets on the third Thursday of every month and occasionally extraordinary meetings are called to discuss important issues. Why not come along and see how we work?

We are statutory consultees on planning applications and need a close relationship and

understanding of our local area and the planning office of our district council. Parish councils are encouraged to prepare parish plans, which in consultation with the planning officers, are taken into account by the district council when considering planning applications and preparing the local development framework. Much work continues on the Neighbourhood Plan a local resident-led, legally enforceable document - will you volunteer to assist with this?

Linton parish council has the mandate to speak on behalf of the people we represent. It is important that we do this with authority and integrity in order to have the optimum effect.

Linton parish council has 15 councillors who work hard to serve the best interests of the parish. We currently have 3 sub committees and 14 working groups that specialise in particular areas such as planning, finance, open spaces, rights of way, traffic and A1307. Full details can be found on our website also please see update below left.

We would actively encourage members of the parish to attend council meetings and experience for yourselves a little slice of what we do.

Cllr Nicola Miller

Correction

PLEASE note: The person named as a Balfour Beatty contact for street lighting issues in the 19th March minutes is incorrect. There is no named contact.

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Councilminutescouncilminutescouncilminutescouncilminutes

ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton parish council (LPC/PC) annual general meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 21st May 2015.

Present: Cllr Enid Bald (EB); Cllr Paul Poulter (PP); Cllr Jan Bumstead (JB); Cllr Simon Hill (SH); Cllr Brian Manley (BM); Cllr Nicola Miller (NM); Cllr Graham Potter (GP); Cllr Alison Walker (AW). Clerk: Marilyn Strand. District councillor Henry Batchelor; District & county councillor Roger Hickford; One member of the public.

Election of chairman and signing of declaration of acceptance of office form: It was proposed by PP that Cllr Enid Bald be elected as chairman and the proposal was seconded by BM. Cllrs voted all in favour and the proposal was carried. Cllr Bald accepted the position of chairman and signed the declaration of acceptance of office form.

Election of vice-chairman: It was proposed by BM that Cllr Paul Poulter be elected as vice-chairman and the proposal was seconded by NM. Cllrs voted all in favour and the proposal was carried. Cllr Poulter accepted the position of vice-chairman.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs David Champion; Brian Cox; Merrie Mannassi; Beatrice Ward; Jacque Wilson.

Councillors' declarations of interest: SH declared a personal interest in the update on allotments item.

Chairman's comment: The Facebook page is doing well and has had almost 200 'likes' since its launch. The chairman thanked NM for a job very well done.

The posts have been installed on the Market Square, they protect the low wall and should soon be used to improve parking facilities on the square.

Matters arising/clerk's report: BM stated that he will soon be meeting a potential contractor regarding the replacement of the recreation gates.

There has been much conversation on the Linton Forum regarding parking on the recreation ground. Users of the grounds and pavilion are reminded that parking is available at Linton village college, and that parking on the recreation ground is strictly reserved for those with permits issued by the PC.

BM asked County Cllr Hickford if he had had a response from Cambridgeshire county council (CCC) regarding the caretaker's house at the Heights junior school. BM said that the head teacher had recently expressed his frustration that it is still standing empty. Cllr Hickford agreed that the house should not be standing empty when it could potentially provide an income to CCC. He said it is also unpleasant for the neighbours and he will follow this up with CCC's assets department.

District and county councillors' reports & business: (a) Cllr Henry Batchelor had sent a report which was circulated at the meeting and this was noted. Cllr Batchelor added that as of that day, the examination of South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC)'s Local Plan (LP) had been suspended. The inspector judging the LP has asked for more evidence that the land supply issue is being tackled and this includes reviewing the projected numbers that the Memorandum of Understanding (the agreement between district and city councils) has generated for housing. The inspector requires more evidence that these numbers are going to be achieved.

The inspector has not rejected the LP altogether, it is just on hold for the time being. It does mean, however, that there is a gap in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and developers will be applying for large-scale planning permission over the county, such as the proposed development off Bartlow Road. Until further evidence is provided showing that the housing supply can be met, the planning departments of all councils will be under pressure to approve applications. Cllr Batchelor said that this is not good news for Linton and could be one of the most disastrous occurrences for SCDC in a long time.

Cllr Batchelor also highlighted the proposal that the Abingtons may be incorporated into the Linton ward as part of the Local Government Boundary Commission's Electoral Review of Cambridgeshire.

(b) Cllr Roger Hickford had sent his annual parish meeting report as well as his report for this meeting, and these had been

circulated. Cllr Hickford added that the Local Government Boundary Commission's Electoral Review of Cambridgeshire is considering the possibility of reducing the number of councillors in the county from 63 to 61. Anyone is able to comment on the review and more information is available at <http://www.lgbc.org.uk/current-reviews/eastern/cambridgeshire/cambridgeshire-county-council>

Regarding the Local Plan, Cllr Hickford said that the only good news is that it had not been rejected altogether. The inspector is concerned that the number of houses put forward on the LP as 31,000 is more likely to materialise at 29,000 as there are several issues including the capacity of available builders. Cllr Hickford added that the situation is extremely serious.

PKF Littlejohn LLP - audit 2014-15: (a) The accounting statements for 2014-15 were agreed by all and signed by the chairman. (b) The chairman read the annual governance statement for 2014-15 and this was agreed by all and signed by the chairman.

Website overhaul: Tenders had been received from three companies and these were discussed at length by councillors. BM proposed to accept the quotation from Koala Creative Ltd at a cost of £4,920+VAT and this was seconded by JB. Cllrs voted seven for and one against and the proposal was carried.

Recreation ground - flood amelioration works: Quotations had been received from two companies. It was proposed by NM to accept the quotation from AJ Prentice at a cost of £6,550 and this was seconded by BM. All agreed.

Trees: BW had sent a report on tree damage which was circulated before the meeting and this was noted. The report will be put forward to CGM when it meets with the PC on 26th May.

Beacon Trust Service Level Agreement (SLA): SP had sent a report which was circulated at the meeting and this was discussed. The purpose of the meeting between the PC and the Beacon Trust had been to discuss the way forward following the resignation of Barry Easton, and to set up a draft SLA in regard to the PC's s137 contribution to the Trust.

Leadwell Meadows: BW had sent a report which had been circulated before the meeting and this was noted. It was agreed that designs and quotations for the boundary fence would be gathered for consideration at a future meeting.

Horn Lane and Lady bridge: EB/BW had sent a report which had been circulated before the meeting and this was noted. Further information had now been received regarding the repair to the river bank and access to the road which is the PC's riparian duty. It was agreed to get quotations for the materials and labour for consideration at a future meeting.

Churchyard matters: BC had sent a report from the churchyard management working group which had been circulated before the meeting and this was noted. It was agreed that the handyman would be employed to carry out repairs to the kissing gate and nearby path funded from the repairs and maintenance budget.

Cemetery matters: Quotations for the tarmac work at the cemetery are in progress and EB will be working with Sue Parry to provide further details to prospective contractors.

Traffic matters: A report from the traffic working group (TWG) meeting held on 30th April had been circulated before the meeting and this was noted. Nicola Burdon (CCC highways) and Chris Wiseman (Linton PCSO) had also attended the meeting.

A further TWG meeting will be arranged in the near future and Cllr Hickford will be invited to attend. Cllr Hickford would also like to be kept informed of the PC's progress on highways issues throughout the village.

Skate park repairs: GP reported that following receipt of Wicksteed's latest inspection report, urgent repairs had been carried out to the skate park at a cost of £247+VAT.

Update on s106 money: A report from the working group meeting held on 29th April had been circulated before the meeting and this was noted. An email response had been received from Theresa Roberts at SCDC and this will be circulated for information following this meeting. Two proposals for s106 projects have been received from Andrew Gore and these will be added to the list of potential projects for possible s106 funding.

Update on the Neighbourhood Plan: PP had sent a report and this was circulated at the meeting. PP explained the NP Project Planner to councillors and stated that the aim still is to submit the NP by the end of this year. The formation of working groups for the development of policies for each of the themes of the NP is in progress. So far a total of 37 residents have shown an interest in joining these groups. PP thanked Corrie Newell and SCDC for their help in progressing the NP.

Update on allotments: A report from the allotments working group meeting held on 27th April had been circulated before the meeting and this was noted. The PC is currently waiting for soil testing to go ahead and, as part of the submission documentation to SCDC, is doing everything it can to push this project forward. Expenditure on the purchase of land for allotments remains subject to the PC obtaining a public works loan.

Village Hall: MM had sent a report which had been circulated before the meeting and this was noted.

Consideration of correspondence received: Magpas request for funding. It was proposed by PP to award Magpas £600 from the PC's s137 allocation and this was seconded by AW. All agreed.

Friends of the Roman Road & Fleam Dyke request for increase in subscription from £10 to £15 per year. Agreed.

Linton Parish Charities regarding the appointment of a new trustee and confirmation of all trustees. Mr Karl Chapman has now retired from his role as trustee and Mrs Anne Meeks has been appointed as his replacement. Other trustees are Cllr Graham Potter, Ms Esther Cornell and Mr John Linsdell. EB commended Mr Chapman for his work with the Parish Charities and wished him well for the future.

Linton Village Cricket Club (LVCC) request to hold 'Cowpat Day' on the recreation ground on 28th June 2015. It was proposed by AW that permission be given for this event and this was seconded by NM. All agreed. Cllr Brian Manley was put forward as an independent arbitrator to judge the event. LVCC should ensure it has appropriate public liability insurance in place and that the recreation ground is thoroughly cleaned up after the event.

Mrs T Coston & Ms A Sparks regarding issues with dog faeces/tree issues in Rivey Lane area. BM suggested that an article be placed in the Linton News regarding this issue. It was proposed by NM to order two new dog waste bins for the area and this was seconded by JB. All agreed. Exact siting to be agreed. Rivey Lane is in need of a general tidy and the PC has regularly asked SCDC to work with it to improve the area. Cllr Batchelor will ask Carly Freed at SCDC to update him on the progress of this.

EACH request for support. It was proposed by AW to award a one-off donation of £100 from the PC's s137 allocation and this was seconded by JB. All agreed.

C & M Callaghan-Till regarding an issue with a tree in the cemetery. BW and EB have inspected the tree and advised that no further work is necessary to it at this time.

SCDC regarding the street naming of development of 12 dwellings off Keene Fields. BM suggested the name Kinsey (Court/Close) in honour of the builder who built the current dwelling known as Newdigate House.

Bidwells regarding land adjacent to Bartlow Road. Noted. This has been widely circulated in the village.

Mr J Taylor regarding CCTV and a community swimming pool. This has been dealt with by the finance committee at its meeting earlier that day, therefore no further response is necessary from this meeting.

Mr B Wallbank regarding objections to proposed community orchard. Mr Wallbank's comments were noted. Currently there are only outline plans for the proposed community orchard and residents in the surrounding area will be consulted before any work goes ahead.

Country Grounds Maintenance (CGM) regarding a fallen tree at Leadwell Meadows. This will be removed as soon as possible by CGM or the handyman depending on costs.

Wicksteed regarding the April playground inspection. This was noted and referred to the venture playground working group.

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