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Linton Village College's production of Annie

Based on the book by Thomas Meehan, music by Charles Strouse
and lyrics by Martin Charnan



The whole cast, including Lily the dog

ANNIE is eleven years old and lives with other girls in the municipal orphanage under the tyranny of cruel Miss Hannigan. Set in the 1930s, this is the time of the Great Depression, with soup kitchens and, later, president Roosevelt's *New Deal* for the economy.

The storyline follows Annie as she runs away to look for her parents. She befriends a stray dog and sings the famous song *Tomorrow*. Miss Hannigan is so cross she makes the girls clean the orphanage. Whilst doing this they sing another famous song, *Hard Knock Life*, to the accompaniment of their brooms.

Rich industrialist Mr Warbucks and his assistant, Grace Farrell, befriend Annie; on a radio programme Mr Warbucks offers a \$50,000 reward to Annie's parents if they come forward. Miss Hannigan's brother, Rooster, and his girlfriend, Lily, impersonate her parents but are found out

by the FBI who have been alerted by Mr Warbucks.

As a friend of Mr Warbucks, President Roosevelt has also been involved and endorses the song, *Tomorrow*, as giving hope in those hard times. In the last act Roosevelt announces his new deal for the economy (public works to make employment) and another famous song emerges *A new deal for Christmas* and once again *Tomorrow* is sung.

All the performances were incredibly good for such a young cast. However, highlights were Isabelle Revens playing Annie, Faye Dower as Grace, Henry Lee playing Mr Warbucks, the lively performances of Natasha Borman, Anja Gnanapragasm and Linnea Bone playing the Boylan sisters on the radio show and the good behaviour of Lily the dog.

It goes without saying that the orchestra under their director Helen Jukes was outstanding.

Praise too must go to the technical crew, the stage crew, the production team and the costume department who all played their part in making this a most enjoyable show.

I left with the tunes of *Tomorrow* and *Hard knock life* ringing in my ears.

Fran Armes

GRANTA Medical Practices

Did you know ?

IN January, Granta Medical Practice's clinicians saw or spoke to 20,256 patients. This number includes urgent appointments, routine appointments, and telephone appointments.

Unfortunately, there were an extra 1,026 appointments that patients did not attend (DNA)

February's appointments totalled 17,876, but again there were an additional 1,043 DNAs.

Sometimes it can be difficult keeping to an appointment date and time. However, if you ring and cancel even half an hour beforehand we would be able to reuse your slot for another patient.

Please say,
instead of DNA!

Sandra East,
Granta Communications,
0300 234 5555

BARTLOW 3 counties 3 CHARITY WALK

IT is time to dust off your walking boots again. Bartlow walk is on Sunday 5th May.

Reduced price tickets are available on line from 1st April at www.bartlow3countieswalk.co.uk.

Prices have been held from 2018. Standard price tickets are also available on the day.

This year we are raising money for Addenbrooke's children's services, Linton Health Centre and St Mary's church Bartlow.

Registration is from 9.30am until 11.30am at Hills Farm, Bartlow, CB21 4PW.

There will be a *History trail* which is registering from 10am-2pm. All 13-mile walkers must have started by 11.15am. This year's theme for the history trail is *World War 2* which is new for 2019 and interesting for all ages. The nine and 13-mile routes pass through the history trail and the six-mile walkers will be given free access to it after their walk.

The fantastic Linton Jazz will be playing again in the farmyard.

There are free children's activities after their walk. Toilets and refreshments are available en-route, with food and drink to buy after the walks. On-site parking is in the farmyard.

Please contact Duncan Ogilvy 893644 for any further information.

Henrietta Findlay,
550041

Grant funding for small and medium businesses

SMALL and medium sized businesses in Cambridgeshire can access Grant Funding and Free Energy Efficiency reviews, thanks to European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) funding.

The Business Energy Efficiency programme can potentially provide grant funding up to a maximum of £20,000, or 25% of project costs, to eligible businesses for energy efficiency improvement measures such as LED lighting, heating, insulation and solar PV.

The pot of grant funding is limited and businesses are urged to register their interest by 30th June 2019 at:

www.beecp.org/sign-up
or call 01733 882549 or
email info@beecp.co.uk

Cath Boughton,
Marketing Officer
Business Energy
Efficiency Programme
Peterborough
Environment City Trust

Community Warden

LINTON'S Community Warden, the excellent Venetia Brown, has recently retired. Venetia had been our warden since the scheme started in 2001, professionally coping with everyone's needs and keeping cheerful throughout. We miss her cheery presence in the village and wish her happiness.

During her absence, the redoubtable Sue Buckingham took over duties in Linton. Sue was retired from her scheme, so covered Linton as relief whilst retired – which was much appreciated. Again, a much-missed character.

Now Melanie Laing is settling into post as our new warden and, by the smiles, I reckon she is enjoying it. Melanie is no stranger to Linton but this is a new group of people and a new role; we wish her well.

The scheme aims to keep our elders, who are not eligible for other care provision, to live independently in their own homes and to take an active part in the community. The warden helps with safety, small tasks and other support – those things that help to make life more comfortable.

The warden is employed through Age UK, funding coming from local councils, donations and modest client fees. ACE helps with her expenses, raising funds through our regular social gatherings. Check in Linton News or look for our posters for dates and events.

If you feel that you, or someone you know, could be helped, please contact the warden on 07931 852019 or me.

Age UK provides other services such as a handyman scheme, safety checks, and information on topics, including financial, legal and health advice. Call Age UK Helpline on 0300 666 9860.
Enid Bald, 891069



Melanie, our new warden

Picture by Enid Bald

Linton village hall

APPROXIMATELY 50 members of the public were present at the meeting, held to discuss the future of Linton village hall, which was held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26th February.

Glyn Northrop welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained that it had been called due to the fact that the majority of trustees on the committee wished to resign after many years of service and no one had come forward to take over these roles. He introduced the current trustees committee and its members.

Richard Jessop explained that the hall is run as a registered charity under the guidance of the Charity Commission. It is not connected to the Parish Council (PC), the PC simply rents the office space. It was established in the 1960s and is governed by a trust deed. Members of the committee are trustees.

Currently the hall is very well used, with very few vacant sessions, and is financially sound although any future capital projects would need to be funded by grants. A copy of the accounts can be viewed on the Charity Commission website.

Recently the hall has been redecorated and it is hoped that the kitchen can be upgraded in the near future. The hall employs a cleaner, and the Secretary, Sue Parry, is paid a retainer. Trustees cannot be paid. Meetings are held three to four times per year.

Richard Jessop explained that the roles of Treasurer and Secretary are currently required and someone with facilities management experience would be warmly welcomed. He explained how people are elected to the committee and said that there were currently six vacancies for Village Representatives as well as several for Group Representatives.

Lisa Chambers from Action with Communities in Rural England (Cams ACRE) explained the roles and responsibilities of a Trustee.

Merrie Mannassi, Chair of the Parish Council, explained that the PC had considered taking on the hall. However it had concluded that the hall is better suited to being run as it is. If the PC was to take it on it would still be required to be run totally independently of the PC.

A Question and Answer session took place. Seven people showed an interest in becoming trustees and four others offered to be volunteers.

Mrs Anne Meeks gave a vote of thanks to the Committee and the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Sue Parry, Secretary

Current trustees

Glyn Northrop –	Village representative
Richard Jessop –	Treasurer
Frank Appleyard –	Historical Society representative
Vernon Boyd –	Gardening Club representative
Merrie Mannassi –	Parish Council representative
Sue Mudge –	WEA representative
Sally Proberts –	WI representative
Jan Sheppard –	Village representative

Smash and grab on Co-op



Yet another break-in

Picture by Roger Lapwood

ON Monday 11th March I passed the Co-op and noticed a large break in the window. Later I contacted the manager, Ian Lorello-Creed who confirmed that the store had been broken into in the early hours of the morning.

He said that the intruders had left with little but he was more worried about the inconvenience to the store and, more especially, its customers. The store had had to wait for the police crime-scene investigation to be completed before staff could clean up the store and allow customers back in. The window was quickly repaired.

When asked about making the co-op more secure he said that being in a conservation area made putting in protection more difficult. However the co-op was looking into taking further protective measures in the future.

Editor

Too good for jumble...

OFFERED this month are the white metal decorated king size headboard and curved solid pine single headboard.

The chest freezer raised £10 for MacMillan Care. If you are interested in any of the items on offer or if you have an item to sell to benefit a charity, please phone Kate France pm 891602 or email kfrance@profsoundconsult.com

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



World Book Day at the Heights

OUR Junior School celebrated World Book Day on Thursday 7th March, and what a thoroughly enjoyable day was had.

To mark the day, everybody, including the teachers and other staff, dressed up as their favourite book character.

Everyone put in 100% effort with their costumes and, amongst the sea of Harry Potters, the best dressed of all the teachers and pupils were Mrs Komodromos and Mr Wilson (class teachers) who dressed up as Mr and Mrs Twit (from Roald Dahl's book) and even had the requisite monobrows.

Activities planned during the day included: guessing each other's costumes (a particular favourite of Miss Farr's); listening to Dea Fisher (a bookbinder from Canada) which was an absolute pleasure; and making individual books.

Children from the lower school had a very informative session with Bob Barnes, author of *The Adventures of Arrek the Dragon*. Bob provided important coaching and encouragement in terms of how to write successfully.

First thing on Friday morning pupils had the opportunity to visit Linton library. After this, the children enjoyed a highly informative talk by Fran Armes, the editor of the Linton News. Fran talked about the workings of the volunteer supported newspaper and what she does when editing the submitted articles. We found out all about how the news was put together and then published.

It was a brilliant and very memorable day. Our thanks go to all of the people who volunteered their time and services in entertaining and informing us and also to our wonderful Mrs Cassidy who planned and organised the event.

Libby Barnes and Gracie Swan-Nickerson, Year 6.

Library matters

LINTON Heights Junior School pupils came class by class to explore Linton Library last month, as part of their World Book Day celebrations. It was a pleasure to welcome the children and we hope they will all choose to become regular library visitors.

We're excited to have started a new Saturday Craft Club for children. Drop in and join volunteer Isobel for simple crafting fun at 10.30 – 11.30am on Saturdays. The cost is 50p per child.

During the Easter holiday, come on a special hunt around the children's library. No eggs or bunnies this year – find out who's hiding instead. For children who love construction, we will be holding a Lego session at the library at 2pm on Monday 15th April. Numbers are limited so please sign up in advance at the desk. The cost is £1 per child.

Of course, the library is not just for children. Our next Engage session for adults is at 2pm on Monday 29th April. Min Dinning will share the second part of her illustrated Armchair tour of Cambridge. It's sure to be fascinating, so sign up early to avoid disappointment. Book at the desk or call 0345 045 5225. The talk is free, with optional refreshments for £1.

Finally, please save the date for our second annual Love Your Library event, from 10am – 1pm on Saturday 18th May. With refreshments, live music, book sale, raffle and fun activities for all ages, this will be an enjoyable and friendly gathering for the whole community. This year's theme is International friends and neighbours.

Anna McMahon and Lindsay Healy
Linton Library Assistants
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Fun at the Fire Station

WORLD Book Day celebrations were in full swing at Chestnut with the children dressing up as their favourite book characters.

We had dinosaurs, princesses, ballerinas and superheroes, to name but a few. We shared our favourite stories and explored the garden on a Gruffalo trail. A visit to the library enabled us to learn about the role of a librarian and we enjoyed exploring the huge range of books on offer. It was a difficult choice deciding which books to take back with us to share.

As part of our topic *People who help us*, we were fortunate enough to visit the Linton Fire Station. The firefighters showed us some of the special equipment which they use to rescue people and we even tried on some of their fire kit. The children were shown around the fire engine and a particular highlight was spraying water from the hose. Thank you to the firefighters for giving up their morning to provide a memorable learning experience and for bringing our topic to life.

We are currently full for this academic year but are taking bookings for September for children from two years to school age. Our opening hours are 9am to 2.30pm, Monday to Friday. We offer a range of morning, lunch and afternoon sessions to suit your family's needs. We are also accepting children who qualify for extended hours funding and can offer this up to the 27.5 hours a week we are open. Please contact our administrator to arrange a visit or for further information. admin@chestnutplaygroup.org.uk. 07342 900120.

Lucy Walbanke-Taylor on behalf of Chestnut Playgroup.



lintongrantplaygroup
Preschool and toddler group
Linton, Cambridgeshire

THE academic year is whizzing by and we have had a busy time. We've taken advantage of the nice weather, walking to see the ducks and look around the beautiful village we live in.

We had great fun celebrating World Book Day, with children and staff dressing up as their favourite characters: we had Wonder Woman, Paddington and the bear from *We're going on a bear hunt*, to name just a few.

We have had an energetic visit from our dance instructor Natalie from *Made2Move*, visited the Linton Village College library, learnt about different countries, looked after our garden, as well as preparing gifts for Mother's Day and Easter.

We currently have limited availability on sessions for the rest of this academic year, but please call us on 07806744864 if you would like to book a visit.

The LGPG team

office@lintongrantplaygroup.org.uk or 07806744864

Linton Family Centre

SOUTH Cambridgeshire Child and Family Centres hold outreach groups at the Cathodeon Centre. On Tuesday mornings we hold *Stay and Play* from 10 – 11.30am. This is suitable for families with children aged up to five years, extending to eight years in the Easter holidays. This group has a wide range of activities to meet your child's age and stage of development. There is also an opportunity to share a snack time and singing time at the end. The cost is £2 and there is no need to book. In April we have lots of lovely Easter activities planned.

On Tuesday afternoons from 1 – 2.30pm we hold a baby group for families with babies up to a year old, again this costs £2 and you do not need to book. This group is great for meeting new parents and babies in the area. We have a very experienced child and family centre worker who runs the groups and is on hand to give any advice, guidance or signposting. Please do pop along and see us and pick up a new summer *What's On* guide for our centres.

Emma Chippis, Business Support Assistant
South Cambs Child and Family Centres
01954 284672/VOIP 706109



Linton CE Infant School

HAPPY Easter to you all from the staff and children at the school.

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

Our topic of *Lights, Camera, Action* has finished and when we return after Easter we move on to our new whole school topic: *Carnival of the Animals*.

Last month, the governors were in school for a day of governor business. They met with the parents at drop-off and spent time in the classrooms to see what goes on during a school day. All governors enjoyed lunch with the children and joined them in the playground. The day was extremely productive, with many areas of the School Development Plan discussed and evidence seen of the ongoing improvements in and around the school.

At the time of writing, we are busy preparing for our school sleepover; this has become something of an annual event, looked forward to with equal excitement and trepidation.

The summer term always sees eyes turning to September. During this term the children due to start with us are invited in for stories and play, to help with the transition from pre-school to school. We will also see our year 2 pupils visit Linton Heights Junior School as they start to prepare for the next stage of their education. Time marches on.

Mrs Louise Cooper,
Acting Headteacher

Gin tasting and nibbles

THE Parent Teacher and Friends Association of Linton CE Infant School are holding a gin tasting evening at 7.30pm on Friday 10th May in the school hall.

Tickets are priced at £16 per person and can be booked at the school office. The deadline for booking is Friday 3rd May.

Local business, *Case Solved Wines*, are supplying the gin and the owner, Adrian, will be on hand to impart his knowledge of the subject.

Nibbles will be provided to complement the gin. Tickets are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

Kate Darke, Co-chair Linton CE Infant School PTFA



Astronaut and moon landings

GRANTA school hosted a World Book space-themed dressing up day as part of the creative week in March. Children were encouraged to come to school as their favourite space-character with the inspiration taken from the book *Aliens Love Underpants*. Our very own deputy head, Sarah, embraced the theme this year, dressed as an astronaut who had lost her rocket.

During the week our children involved themselves in all of the activities we had on offer, from creating mashed potato moons, drawing and decorating paintings with pasta and sequins, baking pancake planets, 4D space trails and our very own rocket launch, with the help of the children counting down to lift-off.

The week came to a close with a very special visit, thanks to the Reynolds family from the *Blues and Roots* ensemble. The music was enchanting for our students and the *Blues and Roots* ensemble were both patient and engaging with our children, even joining them in the audience to ensure everyone was able to enjoy their fantastic music.

Lucie Calow, Headteacher

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Litter on road verges

Dear Editor,
It seems we have some local individuals who regularly discharge fast food packaging from their vehicles onto the road and verges, particularly along Back Road between Linton and Great Abington.

Can you please find out and publish the penalty for such action, and also the phone number to whom this wanton anti-social behaviour should be reported if observed? Hopefully this will encourage these individuals to conform to normal acceptable standards.
(Name and address withheld)
Editor: it's not my job but I have contacted the Parish and District Councils and await replies

Found

Dear Editor
Some keys were found on the pavement in The Grip on 25th February. If you have lost any, please contact Judy Fairey on 891633. Judy Fairey by email

Easter celebrations at Linton's churches

IN troubled and confusing times it's good to be reminded that there are still reasons for hope. Come and celebrate the Easter message with the Linton churches. You will be most welcome.

During Holy Week

- Monday 15th April**
Passover Meal at 7pm at Linton Free Church, (contact Chris on 892991 for tickets).
- Monday to Wednesday 15th – 17th April**
Reflective Meditation at 7.45 pm at St Mary's, (with Compline Tuesday and Wednesday)
- Tuesday to Thursday 16-18th April**
Easter Reflections at 7.30 – 8.30pm at Linton Free Church
- Maundy Thursday 18th April**, Holy Communion with footwashing at 7.30pm at St Mary's
- Good Friday 19th April**
Messy Good Friday – Activities for families, with refreshments from 10.30 am – 12 noon at Linton Infant School,
Good Friday Service at 10.30 am at Linton Free Church
The Way of the Cross at 12 noon at St Mary's
- Holy Saturday, 20th April**
Meditation and Compline at 7.45 pm at St Mary's
- Easter Day**
Easter Morning Service: meet at the BT Exchange on Back Road at 7.30am for 7.45am start up Rivey Hill. This is a short ecumenical service, followed by bacon butties in Linton Free Church Hall. Service of the *New Fire of Easter* at 8am at All Saints', Castle Camps, to be followed by breakfast
Quiet Prayer Book Communion, at 8am at St Mary's
Festival Eucharist for all ages at 10am at St Mary's followed by Easter Egg Hunt,
Easter Morning Cafe Celebration at 10.30am on 21st April at Linton Free Church

Maggie Guite Rector St Mary's
rector@stmaryslinton.org.uk
Chris Kemshell, Minister, Linton Free Church
chriskemshell@hotmail.com



A field of many colours

THE Garden Club speaker for March was Alan Shipp who holds the National Collection of Hyacinths, grown at Waterbeach just outside Cambridge. In the 1880s Thomas Shipp bought a piece of land to grow vegetables and sell locally. This is the land where the hyacinths grow today, a riot of colour in the spring.

In 1985 Alan bought 100 hyacinth bulbs, 20 each of five varieties. This was the start of growing hyacinths. He now has 243 named varieties, many originating from very old strains. People from all over the world have exchanged bulbs with Alan. Hyacinths originated in Turkey, Syria, Lebanon and Northern Israel. They were brought to Europe in the 16th century.

At the end of the talk we were given a slide show which showed us just how lovely these plants are. Hyacinths are highly fragrant with bell flowers, some single as well as double varieties. They like well drained, fertile soil in sun or partial shade. In the language of flowers, the hyacinth represents consistency.

Our speaker for April will be Linda Gascoigne who will talk on *Wildflower and Wildlife Gardening*. The meeting will be at 7.30pm on 9th April in the village hall. Visitors are welcome.

This year's plant sale will be held on 11th May. If you have any spare plants, please consider donating them to the sale which helps fund the club and its Annual Show.

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

Brownies' adventures



Brownies pass with flying colours

Photo provided by Kate Huntsman

THE 1st Linton Brownies embraced the new Girlguiding programme by starting the *Have Adventures* theme last term. In order for the brownies to achieve their aviation badge, Captain Marnie Munns, who flies for *EasyJet*, came along. She talked to them about aviation history, modern day flying and her career as a pilot. She then helped them make paper planes and rockets, to see whose would fly the highest and furthest.

If you are interested in volunteering with Girlguiding, please register at www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested
Please contact me for any more information.

Kate Huntsman, Leader

A new sport in the village hall

NEW Age Kurling takes place at Linton village hall every Monday from 2pm to 3pm and from 3pm to 4pm and is a new version of the well-known Winter Olympic Sport ice curling.

The game can be played sitting or standing, making it an activity in which anyone can join in. The cost is £2.50 a session, pay as you play.

For more information please contact me on:
ellen.bridges@scams.gov.k or 01954 713294.
Ellen Bridges Physical Activity Locality Coordinator,
Let's Get Moving Cambridgeshire

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

WEEKLY

- New Age Kurling, Mondays 2-3pm and 3-4pm VH
- 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)
- Linton Air Cadets, Mon and Thurs, 7-9.30pm (07717 801056) LVC
- Scrabble club, alternate Tuesdays, 10am-12noon CP
- Chestnut Playgroup, Monday-Friday, 9am-2.30pm CC
- Linton Granta Playgroup, Mon-Fri, 8.30am-2.30pm LVC
- Linton Granta Toddler grp, Tuesdays term-time 9.30-11.30, LVC
- Stay and Play, Tuesdays, 10am-11.30am CC
- WEA, Tuesdays, 10.30am-12.30pm, term-time VH
- Bumps to babies, Tuesdays, 1- 2.30pm CC
- Storytime, Tuesdays, 2-2.30pm, term-time Library
- Granta duplicate bridge club, Tuesdays, 2-4pm VH
- Beacon Red Zone youth club, Tuesdays, 7-8.30pm LVC
- IT club-computer help, Tuesdays, 7pm CC
- Linton chess club, Tuesdays, 7.30pm CC
- Tots in tow, Wednesdays, 9.30-11am, term-time only VH
- Beacon Girls Group, Wednesdays, 3.05-4.30pm RG
- Walking netball, Wednesdays, 6-7pm, LVC sports centre
- Jelly Beans playgroup, Thursdays, 9.30-11.30am URC
- Computer buddies, Thursdays, 2-4pm Library
- Beacon drop-in club, Thursdays, 5.30-7pm RG
- Crickets club, Thursdays, 6-8pm LVC
- Linton Army Cadets, Thursdays, 7-9pm LH
- Beacon Youth Group, Fridays, 7-8.30pm, URC
- Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, Fridays, 9.15-10am CP
- St Mary's church choir, Fridays, 7-8.30pm St Mary's church
- Linton Bridge club, Fridays, 7pm, CC

For sports centre courses please call LVC sports centre on 890248

APRIL 2019

- 1 Camera club, 7pm VH
- 2 **WI, 7.30pm** VH
- 3 Reading group, 8pm VH Upstairs
- 4 Luncheon club, 12 noon Old Red Lion, Horseheath
- 6 Farmers' Market, 9am-12noon VH
- 7 Football match/family fun day, 11am RG
- 7 Youth group (9-13yrs), 4.15-5.45pm, 44 Tower View
- 8 Whist Drive, 7.30pm VH
- 9 **VIP Group AGM and Quiz, 2pm** Chalklands
- 9 **Gardening Club, 7.30pm** VH
- 12 **ACE Coach trip to Ely, 9.15am, D&D plus other stops**
- 14 Lighthouse, 10.15am-12noon URC
- 15 **Annual Parish meeting, 7.30pm** VH
- 16 **Historical Society, 7.30pm** VH
- 17 Cambridgeshire hearing help, 9.30am-12 noon HC
- 18 Linton Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm CC
- 19 Daylight readers, 10.30am Library
- 21 Walking group, 11am, Church Lane
- 21 **Messy Church, 2.30pm** St Mary's Church

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- 1 Reading group, 8pm VH Upstairs
- 2 Luncheon club, 12 noon Old Red Lion, Horseheath
- 4 Farmers' Market, 9am-12noon VH
- 6 Camera club, 7pm VH
- 7 WI, 7.30pm VH
- 10 Gin tasting evening, 7.30pm LIS
- 11 **Garden Club plant sale, 10am** 3 Mill Lane

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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Feedback online at www.healthwatch.co.uk/what-would-you-do. Call your local Healthwatch on 0330 355 1285, text 0752 0635 176 or www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk

Join Linton Army cadets

THE Linton Detachment is doing Senior Field Craft training, which has been high intensity. We are getting ready for our Company camp this month which will be the first camp where the cadets will be staying in the field, putting into place all their training over the last few weeks.

The detachment is growing each week and we now parade 40 cadets. We have a rank structure in place with newly promoted cadets to Lieutenant/Corporals and Lieutenant/Corporals to full Corporal. Our Cadet Company Sergeant Major was given the award for good service to the Army Cadet Force which is only given to one cadet in the whole of the county each year. So if you would like to push and challenge yourself come down to Linton Heights Junior School from 6.45 – 9pm on Thursday evenings. Report to Staff Rudderham or email me on 6840rudder@army-mail.mod.uk

Staff Sergeant Rudderham
DC Linton detachment

New racing challenges ahead for Sam

LINTON-based speedway and grass track rider Sam Norris has a very busy racing schedule this coming season. He is reserve at Mildenhall Fen Tigers speedway (number 8) whose home meetings take place on Sunday afternoons.

Sam will also be riding in the speedway development league for Reading Racers whose meetings take place at Swindon and several away matches. Added to this he also is competing in the British Youth speedway championships which are over eight rounds at top venues around the country.

Finally Sam will be riding at several youth grass track meetings including the one off Auto Cycle Union (ACU) British Youth Championships. We wish him well for his very busy season.

Claire Norris, christophernorris167@btinternet.com



Sam in action

Picture by Claire Norris

Fully-funded workshops for carers

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If you would like one of our short training sessions to be delivered at your Carers' Club or Carers' meetings please get in touch to arrange a convenient date and time.

If you are able to help by giving us the details of any Carers' Clubs or regular forums for carers, then we are happy to contact them to arrange a session or provide further information. The session titles that we have on offer include:

- Medication awareness for carers
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Pauline Miller, LGSS

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Camsight VIPs news

AT our March meeting, our members enjoyed a very interesting talk given on Medical Detection Dogs (with one of their dogs in attendance). With their powerful scenting ability they can help detect conditions such as cancer and diabetes, or assist with managing life threatening conditions involving seizures and severe allergies.

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The talk was followed by afternoon tea and a raffle, with cakes kindly provided by one of our members. Our next meeting will be at 2pm on Tuesday 9th April at the Chalklands Community Centre, when we will hold our Annual General Meeting followed by a quiz. If you would like further information, please contact us on the number below.

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Linton Village College Adult Community Learning

May workshops

WE are running a series of adult and family workshops on Saturday 11th May.

Adult workshops

These run from 10am – 4pm on 11th May. Topics are: *Upholstery, Blues harmonica, Indian stuffed breads and Silk painted cushions.*

Family workshops

We have two creative, fun, practical and innovative workshops for the whole family to enjoy. Each of the workshops will look at how to draw and then develop your drawings and observations. Each session is accompanied by a handout which is full of ideas that you and your family can take away with you.

Workshop 1 (9.30am – 12.30pm on 11th May)

Reflections : Getting to grips with thinking backwards.

This course explores drawing and printing projects related to mirror reflections. (Please note this workshop does not include a ceramics project).

Workshop 2 (1– 4pm on 11th May)

Sculpture : cakes. Drawing and modelling from life, exploring cakes and afternoon tea.

Evening classes

Woodwork, this is for 10 weeks at 7 – 9pm, and *Beginners sketchbook* lasts five weeks and is from 4 – 6pm both starting on Thursday 2nd May. *Positive mindset awareness and meditation course* lasts five weeks starting on Wednesday 1st May.

For costs and more details or an enrolment form please email adult.education@lvc.org or tel 891233 Ext 303 or 317, or look on our website www.lintonvillagecollegeadultlearning.co.uk

Margaret Kiddy and Jenny Logan
Adult Education Department

Advice on preventing keyless vehicle thefts

FOLLOWING a rise across the eastern region in thieves using more sophisticated techniques to gain access to keyless entry/start button cars, we are issuing advice, to help you keep your vehicle secure and protect you from becoming a victim of crime.

When the correct key fob is close by, the fob recognises the signal and transmits its own code, instructing the vehicle to unlock the doors and to allow the ignition to work on the car. Thieves use wireless transmitters to capture its radio transmission. This is relayed to another device. It allows the thief to open and start your car in the same way.

To prevent this from happening, use car key signal blocker cases/sleeves, they cost less than £10, or an aluminium tin at home. Find a safe place for your keys at home and check to ensure they are out of range. Following some of these other steps will also help to protect your vehicle:

- Use a good quality crook lock or full cover steering wheel security lock to immobilise your vehicle
- Consider fitting an *OBD safe* device, a secure lockable device that fits over the vehicle's on board diagnostic port, in the vehicle cabin. This prevents criminals using software to code an electronic key for the vehicle
- If your vehicle is fitted with on board wi-fi, consider switching this facility off if you do not need it, which will reduce the chance of criminals hacking into the vehicle's system, your banking details or personal data from linked devices

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COUNTRY MATTERS

Text by Oriel O'Loughlin and illustrated by Maureen Williams

Kestrels and parrowhawks

LAST year I wrote a piece about buzzards and red kites and this time it is the turn of their smaller raptor cousins. (If you want to see local kites by the way, the best place is between the A11 and Fulbourn).

After seeing endless kestrels over the years and very few sparrowhawks, I wanted to look at each in more detail.

Starting with the kestrel, *Falco Tinnunculus*. I suspect most people have seen them hovering, often very high, head motionless and tail hanging, spread into a fan. They can be anywhere on open farmland, airfields, lower fells, heaths, roadsides, waste areas and can even nest on office block window sills.

They are a pigeon-sized long-tailed falcon, bulky up front with a slender tail, often

sitting perched upright on wires or posts. Their general shape while flying is similar to a sparrowhawk but they flap continually with far less gliding. They eat mostly voles but also insects in summer. They have declined



from being our most common raptor, due to agricultural intensification and the resulting decline in voles. Buzzards have now taken the top slot.

The male kestrel has a spotted orange brown back, blue grey head and blue grey tail with a black band. The female is barred and brown. But it is their behaviour, much more than their feather details, which helps identify them.

The sparrowhawk, *Accipiter Nisus*, is a similar size to a kestrel, though the male is smaller. The male is blue grey

on top and reddish-brown underneath, and the female is pale both above and below, with narrow brown barring. They live all over the place, not shunning urban areas and thriving in gardens.

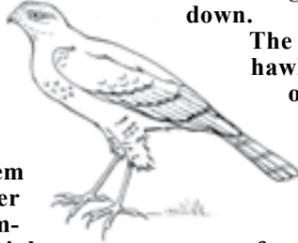
They breed in woods and gardens, secretively, with a new nest each year. During the war there was an increase in population as so many gamekeepers were away.

In the 1950s and 1960s the use of organochlorides led to a decrease. Later the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act helped numbers to increase to 40,000 pairs.

In comparing them to kestrels remember their habits are completely different. Think of a sparrowhawk like a yellow-eyed heat seeking missile. None of that hovering business – it leaves its perch with explosive

acceleration, long legs firing it out of the blocks, reaching attack speed in literally two seconds.

It keeps a low profile to the ground, staying unseen and using the high-pressure air cushion to save energy. It flies at 50km/h, through the tiniest spaces, using its tail to steer and slamming on the brakes when necessary. Wham – and it is all over for the blue tit on your birdfeeder, with just a small feather floating tragically down.



The sparrowhawk is the only bird that will actually take birds from your feeders and your lawn, right up to collared dove size. What a specimen of hunting perfection they are.

Note to advertisers

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We hope to resolve the issue soon.

Advertising manager and Editor

News from your councillors

Greater Cambridge Partnership

THE GCP is holding (another) consultation until 31st March to try to get views on public transport as the purpose of the GCP is to improve public transport times and get people out of cars. There are also public pop-up events around the county.

Council Tax

Both County and District Councils have the ability to raise council tax each year to pay for the services they provide, they (almost) always take up this option, both have done so this year. The district is raising their rates by 3.56% and the county by 4.98%.

Neighbourhood Plan

Congratulations to Great Abington Parish Council for being the first parish in South Cambs to get their Neighbourhood Plan adopted. This is no small feat as many of you will appreciate. The process for creating and getting a Neighbourhood Plan adopted is a long and arduous path. We will be meeting with the Cabinet Member responsible to see if there are any prospects of simplifying and speeding up the process.

Councillors Henry and John Batchelor



LINTON Squadron has now fully embraced the new training syllabus for cadets. We are filling spaces in every activity and all cadets are achieving good standards across the board. A recent skills weekend saw seven Linton cadets achieve their Youth First Aid award, five cadets achieved Bronze Leadership awards and one cadet passed his weapons handling test on rifles. This is all part of our new progressive training syllabus.

There's never a dull moment with regular flying allocations coming through and more shooting too. There has been a wing-wide push to get cadets passing their weapons handling tests and we now have cadets qualified to shoot the L98A2.

There has been an excited buzz in the squadron since hearing that blank firing field exercises are taking place. This involves the use of pyrotechnics and blank firing rifles and we have cadets' training ready for the first of this type of exercise for many years.

As our classification exams come to a close, I am delighted to say that Sergeant Keenan, Corporal Coates and Corporal Pybus have all achieved their BTEC Level 2* in Aviation Studies. This is awarded on completion of the Master Cadet classification exams, a culmination of working through the classification structure over the years. All three will soon complete a Methods of Instruction course and on satisfying an examiner in an assessed lesson will become cadet instructors.

As always, we have space for new cadets on the Squadron. Please contact me for details on how to join.

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Pot Pourri 167 - Thickness of a sphere's cut.
The thickness of the cut is 0.774R.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Hildersham News

Hildersham Easter Teatime, 4th April

This will be held at 3pm on Thursday in the village hall

Emmaus collection, Tuesday 9th April

Is there anything left in your loft? It may not be of any more use to you but it may well be just what someone else is looking for. Please bring your donations to Hildersham village hall from 6.30-8pm. Emmaus accepts electrical items, furniture, clothes, books and kitchenware and will refurbish and sell items onward.

Lamb Sunday, from 1.30 to 3pm on 14th April

SPRING has sprung and you may already have seen some lambs gambolling in the meadows. Would you like to get a little closer? Andrew and Amy Rouse, the Hildersham shepherds, will be at work delivering lambs in the Hildersham Hall lambing sheds, entrance next to Hall Farm. Entry is £2.50 for adults and £1 for children. Teas will be served from the trailer. Please bring your wellies. (NB Pregnant women should not attend.)

Jill Heale, 893596, edheale@btinternet.com

ACE News

AT the meeting at the end of February we had a lunch of soup and rolls followed by an interesting talk on the medicinal use of plants in the cure and alleviation of symptoms in illness. This is not restricted to older times, when the plant world was the main source of medication, as some plants are still found to be efficacious today.

During the meeting we collected the fares for our next trip, which is to be Ely on 12th April. The coach leaves the Dog and Duck at 9.15am and will have other collection points, at the cemetery and the bus stop near the fire station. We hope for a mild and dry day but come prepared, as April is known to be a month of changeable weather.

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The Marsh mail



THE national press has been dominated by very sad news of teenagers whose lives have been tragically cut short as a result of knife crime. Sometimes it is tempting to believe that such issues happen elsewhere; that extreme anti-social behaviours are restricted to other parts of the country and are not relevant to our own communities.

While less rural areas may be more prone to criminal behaviours, this does not make villages such as Linton immune to them.

Young people have always been susceptible to risk-taking behaviours. The adolescent brain is in the process of regulating thrill-seeking impulses. Meanwhile, the transition to adulthood creates greater independence and opportunities that may compromise children's safety and wellbeing.

At Linton Village College, our PSHE (personal, social, health and education) curriculum helps students to develop an appreciation of how their bodies and minds work. We encourage our learners to be reflective and self-aware, as well as educating them about potential harmful influences, in order that they can keep themselves and others safe and healthy.

In recent months we have developed stronger educational links with Cambridgeshire Constabulary. Our students have benefited from police sessions entitled *What's the Point?* including an appreciation of the facts and consequences of carrying weapons. The police have also contributed to input about County Lines (gangs that target young people to take and sell drugs across county borders). It is important that our children are aware of practices that seek to exploit them and entice them into being involved in criminal behaviours.

Peer pressure has become more sophisticated and significant with the development of technological communication and mobility. Research into the rise in online grooming, facilitated by social media platforms, has coincided with a spike in adolescent mental health issues.

The African proverb It takes a village to raise a child is particularly relevant at the moment. More than ever, our young people need responsible adults in their communities to keep them safe and prevent them from seeking acceptance by more dangerous means. Reporting concerns to the College on thinkpink@lvc.org the police on www.cambs.police.uk/report/Report-Shared/Report-a-concern and to students' families is integral to this.

Helena Marsh, Executive Principal

Historical Society

AT our February meeting, Seppe Cassettari opened his talk with a discussion of the 1617 Charterhouse Map of Balsham with its beautiful cartouches. He stressed how fortunate we were to have not only this early map but also a copy produced later in 1791. The later map, produced in book form enabled the names of those working the strips of land throughout the parish to be transcribed and thus create a database. Subsequently this allowed a colourful modern version to be produced.

Using maps of Balsham throughout the centuries, it was also possible to produce a timeline of buildings to show the expansion of the village, again using different colours. Maps from 1801 – 2008 clearly show the evolution of the village, with the greatest expansion coming throughout the 1960s. An 1874 hand drawn map listed all the residents, which meant names could also be included.

Seppe was able to show, just how accurate the 1617 map was, by comparing it with a modern aerial survey. It was interesting to note many of the footpaths and by-ways used by walkers today can be traced back to the original 1617 map.

A thoroughly and informative evening was enjoyed by those attending.

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16th April, in Linton village hall, Our speaker will be Pam Halls from the Cambridge Museum of Technology on Past, Present and Future (of the museum). All welcome.

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



The Way We Were

by Garth Collard

Bull House, 42 High Street

BULL house is opposite 43 High Street, Paintin's offices. It is the only house between the Market Place and the river because of the flooding problems.

The original house was a Tudor red-brick house built in the 16th century. In the 18th century it was re-modelled and re-fronted in the classical style. At the rear the original brickwork can be seen together with traces of the base of the Tudor triangular gabled house.

The house was shown on both the 1600 manorial maps of Linton as being on the High Street side of the land which formed the outer courtyard of the former Great Linton manor house, which was in ruins by 1600. The lords of the manor allowed buildings to be developed on the higher ground along Horn Lane.

In the early 18th century the re-fronted house was an up-market inn known as the Bull Inn or the Black Bull Inn, a meeting place for the local gentry. The rear garden was walled in and used for bull baiting and cock fighting which could be £40 a fight. One contest

between the gentlemen of Linton and Newmarket involved 30 cock fights which attracted larger bets. If the contest resulted in a draw there was an additional fight, which attracted even heavier bets.

Bull House was owned by the Linton Lords of the Manor and in the mid 18th century the Lord was Robert King who was a drunkard, gambler and bully. Within twenty years he had spent £200,000, which today would be worth several millions. He was forced to break up and sell the Linton estate.

In 1772 Bull House was purchased by Robert Taylor, a local farmer, tanner and brewer who owned several large holdings in Horseheath and Green Lane. He built a malting which stretched from the High Street to Horn Lane and this supplied many of the local public houses with beer. Being an upmarket inn, the main alcohol sold was gin.

The inn was closed and



Bull House in 1900

Photo from Garth's collection

Robert Taylor let the house in the late 1770s to George Lodge who established the Linton Academy here. This was a boarding school with fees of 18 guineas a year and young men received a classical education, or alternatively a commercial one.

Cambridge College admissions books record many of the school's pupils securing places at the university.

In the late 18th century Britain was a thriving commercial country with a great demand for people with practical and

knowledge of the world trading economy.

By 1800 Lodge had moved the school to 3 Church Lane. Bull House was then let to a variety of tenants, one of whom was Dr John Howard, the leading Linton doctor. A room at the back of the house became the first Linton surgery. Appointments were easy to obtain because patients had to pay for each visit.

In 1846 Taylor sold the property to William Day a builder and undertaker. The Day family owned the house until 1942, when it was sold to Augustus Diddell whose daughter married Mr H J Paintin from Kent.

Also in 1846 a lower section of the old manor house close was sold to the Fisher family of Linton House which is why the large orchard area eventually came to be owned by the Bertram family.

Day had sold the inn property for £800 in 1942. Owners of the site allowed local schools and charities to hold fund raising fetes on their land. The house was recently sold for over half a million pounds.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/0896/19/TC, Petchy, Church Cottage, 6 Church Lane, Sorbus - S1 - Fell, has outgrown its situation and overshadows property, would like to replant further from house.

S/0797/19/FL, Mr & Mrs Christopher Hine, 12 Lonsdale, Amendment to planning permission S/1588/17/FL changing the approved garden wall to a timber fence with relocated garden gate

S/0818/19/FL, Mr Nigel Head, Bergendal, 2 The Ridgeway, Side extension with loft conversion

S/0803/19/NM, Mr Winney, 24 Hollybush Way, Non material amendment of planning permission S/0413/17/FL- to place a front door at the front of house with two side windows in place of planning consent for one large window.

S/0736/19/OL, Executors of R Harrison Dec'd Harrison, 41 Back Road, Outline application for the erection of three dwellings with all matters reserved except for access and scale

S/0717/19/FL and S/0718/19/FB, Mr & Mrs Merritt, 127 High Street, Replacement single storey rear extension

S/0670/19/FL, C/o Hundred Houses Society, Land Rear of 24-27, Paynes Meadow, The construction of 26 Affordable homes including External works and Parking on land rear of No 8 to 30 Paynes

S/0622/19/DC, Mr & Mrs Frankish, Land Adjacent 18 Joiners Road, Discharge of condition 3 (materials) of planning consent S/1906/16/FL for proposed dwelling. (Decided so no comments)

S/0550/19/F, Mr & Mrs Hounsom, 18 Granta Leys, Demolition of existing conservatory and proposed two storey rear extension

Heffers Britain's oldest bookshop

DR Julie Bounford's talk contained extracts and photographs from her book covering the Heffer's history from 1876 – 1999.

William Heffer established the shop, in Fitzroy Street, Cambridge in 1876, although having no particular bent for books. He was not well educated. He started work at 13 driving a donkey and cart, later becoming a groom and a pub landlord.

In 1896 the shop moved to Petty Cury, supplied schools and gave a discount on text books to the university, to which established university booksellers took exception. The shop moved to Trinity Street in 1970. Heffers were also at various times publishers, printers, stationers, ran an art gallery, had a sub-post office, were church suppliers and had a pen department.

When the Bookworm Children's Club opened, Heffers wrote to about 20,000 schools.

Employees had to serve a three-year apprenticeship, the first year with no pay, second year a small wage and the third year to be considered. It was considered a very respectable job and a strict dress code prevailed.

In 1957 Heffer's Penguin paperback shop opened and in 1960 Penguin was prosecuted for selling *Lady Chatterley's Lover* as an obscene publication but were acquitted and went on to sell three million copies. The salesgirls were told not to read it.

On an employees' outing to Boulogne, two planes were needed and husbands and wives had to fly on separate planes for safety.

Terry Pratchett was the most popular author at book signings, signing over 500 books in two hours. Margaret Thatcher brought the traffic in Trinity Street to a standstill and signed 6,000 copies of her book.

Our next meeting on 2nd April will be our annual meeting when we elect new officers. There will also be a food tasting of gluten free foods. Visitors and new members always welcome.

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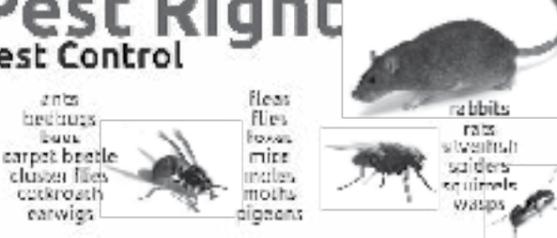
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The Community Warden supporting our elders

LPC SUPPORTS Linton's elders by part-funding the Community Warden Scheme. This year's improved grant will help secure the scheme's future.

The warden is employed through Age UK, with funds from local councils, donations and modest fees to users. The social arm of the charity, ACE, contributes to her expenses by raising funds through our social events and trips. Check in Linton News, or look for our posters, for dates and events – all are welcome – especially volunteers to help us.

The warden scheme helps our elders, who are not eligible for other care provision, to live independently, for as long as possible, in their own homes and to avoid isolation.

The warden's regular and friendly visits give them frequent contact with another person and help with safety, small tasks, and other personal support to make life more comfortable.

There are places available, so if you feel that you or someone you know could be helped, please contact the warden on 07931 852019 or Enid on 891069.

Our original warden from 2001, Venetia, has taken well deserved retirement. Sue came out of retirement to cover her absence. We miss them and wish them happiness after giving so much help; they are much appreciated.

Melanie is our new warden; she already knows Linton and is settling happily into her new role. Melanie is also parish clerk to Horseheath and Castle Camps, so has a wide range of knowledge and experience.

We welcome her and the help she gives to an often-overlooked part of our community.

Enid Bald

Life as a new Parish Councillor

I JOINED the parish council as a co-opted member in October 2018 and it has been an interesting learning curve. I am still finding my feet and do not have a lot to say yet but I am sure I shall when I feel more confident.

There are many experienced councillors and I am learning from them and the support they give. The agendas are very full and the meetings are busy.

I am sure you are all aware of the work the parish council does and the projects that it has carried out.

There are more projects proposed, such as the skate park, and the work for them is carried out by Working Groups.

The Working Group looks into the project in more detail than can be achieved in a Full Council meeting with the help of the clerk and her team.

The work of the council is also broken down into committees, ie Finance Committee,



Picture by LPC

Planning Committee, Personnel Committee. These committees carry out the detailed work that has to be performed in order for the council to operate efficiently and they report back to the Full Council meetings.

Linton is a large village with a vibrant community and there is always lots of work to be done. I do believe we are very fortunate to have quite a few shops, a dentist, a GP surgery, and a chemist.

These are very important to the village and keep it a thriving community.

We also have a great bus ser-

vice which is crucial. It is also an advantage for the village to have a parish council employee who works to keep the village looking good.

The parish council will strive to help the village keep all of its amenities.

I still have lots to learn about the work the parish council does but I know that they work for you and village.

It is also heartening to hear of volunteer groups who want to help as well and it is much appreciated.

There are two vacancies at present for co-opted councillors and I would urge anyone interested in becoming a councillor to contact the clerk, Kathryn Wiseman.

It is rewarding and inspiring and I hope we can fill these two vacancies.

The more diverse the council is, the more it works for the whole village.

Carole Campbell

Could you be the one percent?



Image from PNG Cliparts

A RECENT census survey from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) found that of the 100,000 councillors serving local town and parish councils, only 1% are aged 25 or below.

Linton is a busy, thriving community and the council is working hard to try to get many projects off the ground.

However, the role of a parish council is to represent their electorate and nothing would assist the council in doing this more than having a voice from this demographic involved.

Could you be the one percent to help make a difference?



Image from the BYT website

The Beacon Youth Trust

and activities to all youth elements within the village, with particular focus on 11 to 19-year olds, which is extremely important in Linton as this age range constitutes 19.4% of the village population.

Linton Parish Council has been supporting this programme and providing funding to the Beacon Youth Trust, in one form or another, since 2011.

As of 2019, The Beacon Youth Trust is looking to expand its level of service. To enable them to do this, they have decided to partner with Romsey Mill (RM).

RM is a charity which has been established for over 40 years and they offer support across the board from youth work to supporting young families and parents and children with additional needs within the Cambridgeshire area. This new partnership means that the Linton programme can benefit from increased resources, staffing and a greater reach of services benefiting residents.

The Council is very pleased to say that from April 2019, it will again support the vital work that the BYT does with the youth of our village directly with a new, comprehensive 3-year service level agreement which has just been agreed by all parties.

This will give some certainty of funding for the BYT and allow them to continue in their work which will benefit the youth of Linton and thereby the whole community.

As a village, we are fortunate to have such an organisation operating here and the LPC hopes that many youngsters will avail themselves of the opportunities the BYT provides.

If you would like to know more about the services the Beacon Youth Trust offer, the sessions they run, or if you would like to volunteer to work with the programme, please take a look at the website:

www.beaconyouthtrust.org for more details.

Parish clerk

New life in the cemetery – planting and projects

YOU might have noticed changes in the cemetery, with projects that had been on hold for a few years now making progress.

The three-year tree survey has been completed and necessary work identified; expect to see this work around the village, in areas where LPC is responsible for tree maintenance.

In the cemetery, a large and stately lime was found to be infected with *Kretzschmaria deusta* (or brittle cinder fungus) and was felled as a matter of urgency.

Two mature rowans were also lost due to decay following damage and four others had not survived the weather.

New trees have been planted to replace these, with more added to complete the row of rowans (all bought cheaply at Simpsons' sale).

To protect our smaller trees from damage caused by animals, strimmers and mowers, they now have rabbit guards and metal tree-guards.

This protection should



The new trees in the cemetery

Picture by Cllr Simon Hill

save the cost of replacements. There is, though, a lot of work to water and help them to establish. Volunteers are most welcome...

At the Old Pond, more Amelanchier and decorative native species have been planted, which you will see as you travel up Cole's Lane.

There are plans to have this as an area for remembrance, with seating and information boards including the names of those buried in the oldest areas. Many are without a headstone or any other memorial.

There is also a recently identified need for an area where ashes can be scattered.

A further part of cemetery upgrade is to clear the northern edges of weeds, soil and other debris, to extend the area for burials and grass.

So just a reminder that soil, branches and plant waste must not be left here; it costs you, as council tax payers, to clear this.

Last month there was a gentle reminder about cemetery regulations, and the reasons for them.

Graves that can no longer be cared for – families move, links are lost – can be grassed over, so let us know if this needs to be done.

Enid Bald

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Parish Council Minutes

ABBREVIATED Minutes of the meeting of Linton Parish Council held on Thursday 14th February 2019 at 7.30pm at the Cathodeon Centre

Present Cllr Merrie Mannassi – chairman; Cllr John Bald – vice-chairman; Cllr Kate Kell; Cllr Lee Gardner; Cllr Simon Hill; Cllr Chris Hine; Cllr Angharad Hammond; Cllr Carole Campbell; Cllr Enid Bald; Cllr Brian Cox

District and County Councillors District Councillor John Batchelor (Dist. Cllr JB)

Members of the public present: One

Apologies for Absence Cllr Graham Potter, Cllr Amy Smith; Cllr Paul Poulter; District and County Councillor Henry Batchelor

Councillors' Declarations of Interest None

Councillor Vacancies There are currently two available for co-option

Chairman's Comment Cllr Potter was wished the best and a full recovery. The Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the Beacon Youth Trust (BYT) has made significant progress. The clerk was thanked for her work on this in creating a very comprehensive document.

The replica clapper stile is now in place and looking great. Thanks were made to Mr Daniel Harmer for his work on this.

Open Forum for Public Participation None

To Approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 17th January 2019, including the supporting documents detailing the budget and precept request for signing. The minutes were agreed with the following changes:

214/18/19 correct spelling to design team

215/18/19 Mrs to Dr for Beatrice Ward

Cllr John Bald proposed, Cllr Brian Cox seconded. **Agreed.**

Matters Arising/Clerk's Report Update on the submission of the precept for the financial year 2019/2020 for a total amount of £175,477 which will give a band D equivalent for 2019/20 of £101.43. This is an increase of £2.17 or 2.19% above the B and D equivalent charge in 2018/19.

Leadwell Meadows re-tender update It was proposed by Cllr Enid Bald to separate the paths onto a separate contract and have the large areas and brambles as a second contract for this area. Cllr Brian Cox seconded. **Agreed.**

Update on the pitch at the recreation ground. The football club has now had the pitch treated to remove the worm cast and the Clerk has requested further mole removal from Pest Right Pest Control on behalf of LPC. **Noted.**

Update on the cemetery with a presentation from the Burials Officer and Administrative Assistant to the clerk. Four decisions were required which were detailed in the report.

Point one; the proposal to raise the cemetery fees by £10 in the financial year 2019/2020 and £5 per annum subsequently. This was proposed by Cllr Brian Cox, seconded by Cllr John Bald. **Agreed.**

Point two; the proposal to adjust the cemetery regulations to request that payment is received by the funeral directors and monumental masons to the same deadline as the rest of the paperwork. This was proposed by Cllr Enid Bald, seconded by Cllr Kate Kell. **Agreed.**

Point three; the proposal that letters be resent to the holders of Exclusive Rights of Burials to request permission to turf over unmaintained graves. This was proposed by Cllr Enid Bald, seconded by Cllr John Bald. **Agreed.**

Point four; It was proposed that although a new ashes area was agreed in principle, this should be discussed further by the Cemetery Working Group to allow confirmation of a location, and brought back to Council.

The Administrative Assistant and Burials Officer was thanked for all her hard work and a concise report which made the above aspects easy to review in the meeting.

The repair of the gate at the recreation ground. This was previously agreed at a meeting, however, in light of the works for the skate ramp and entry and access issues, the clerk would propose this is not actioned until after the ramp is finished and would like to propose the gates are replaced following the works. It was agreed to put this project on hold until the Skate ramp is installed.

Update on the speed survey on Hadstock Road near the Grip Industrial Estate. The Office have been in contact with Mr James Toombs, a Highways Engineer from Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) to see when this project can progress. The office was advised there was an issue with the equipment, so this has been delayed. Advice was to check in at the end of January, this has been done and the office is awaiting a response. Email for December 18 refers. For information. **Noted.** The Speedwatch Team have been made aware.

Update on Priority Projects

Update on bench installations at the following locations, on the corner of Rivey Close and Balsham Road, along Horseheath Road where the steps meet Dolphin Close and on the High Street next to the phone booth, adjacent to Market Square. The bin has now been installed in the bus shelter on Cambridge Road to assist with tackling litter at this location. **Noted.**

Update on Market Square parking restrictions, planning permission, estimated works schedule and public notification. Planning permission is not required due to the size of the sign so this can now progress, the sign has been ordered and there is an 8-week lead time. Another article will be put into the next Parish Council Matters. **Noted.**

Parking enforcement within Linton; The Clerk and Cllr Merrie Mannassi had a brief discussion with PC Chris Wiseman, who advised that budget restraints mean the local PCSOs no longer offer a chargeable service for enforcement and cannot regularly patrol due to staffing restrictions.

PC Wiseman did advise, that if LPC repaint the double yellow lines in the problem areas, they will do rounds of patrols following this. This is as the police believe that newly painted yellow lines are a big deterrent for rogue parking and they will do their best to help support the Council following this. **Noted** This can be one of the next priority projects.

Planning Matters Consideration of Planning Committee meeting held on the 17th January 2019 and the extra-ordinary planning committee meeting of the 31st January 2019. **Noted.**

Updates on the Bartlow Road planning application. Verbal update from Cllr E Bald. Reports from the landscape and drainage consultant on behalf of LPC have been submitted. The SCDC maps are being used to assess drainage which are not sufficient, especially when both of the EA maps supersede the maps being used. Meetings with Karen Pell-Coggins still need to be arranged-the District Councillor was requested to assist in arranging this. The amendments are only on 14 days now which do not allow time to review and respond and this issue was raised with the District Councillor, John Batchelor.

District & County Councillors' Reports & Business. Written report submitted; Noted. Work on the traffic lights at the village college begins next week to install the 'smart lights'. The no right turn at the top of the High Street onto the A1307 is still being reviewed. The District Cllr was asked to remind the GCP that the roundabout and the Transport hub will both be affected by the Bartlow Road planning application. The site locations for the next Local Plan are starting to be reviewed as of last week.

To Approve Accounts for Payment The payments were proposed by Cllr Brian Cox seconded by Cllr Simon Hill. **Agreed.**

Update on the internal auditor vacancy for LPC and consideration of the quotation provided by Victoria Waples. Cllr Chris Hine proposed, Cllr Brian Cox seconded. **Agreed. Motion Carried.**

The proposal of adjustment to the format of the agendas; with payments listing being included on the finance agenda as opposed to the full council for sign off on any invoices under that of £5,000. Proposed by Cllr Lee Gardner seconded by Cllr Chris Hine. Put to a vote. All for with one abstention. **Agreed. Motion Carried.**

Traffic Matters Haverhill Town Area Forum report Written report submitted by Cllr Enid Bald This was actually in relation to GP Health Services. There are only two health services in Haverhill and this is impacting Linton.

LPC Risk Register review and consideration for formal adoption by Linton Parish Council. Cllr John Bald proposed this

was adopted, Cllr Kate Kell seconded. **Agreed. Motion Carried.**

The Recreation Ground: The skate ramp update and quotation for consideration from the quantity surveyor. Verbal presentation from Cllr Chris Hine. Cllr John Bald proposed, Cllr Lee Gardner seconded, **Agreed. Motion Carried.**

The Clapper Stile Report; This has now been put into place!

The contractors have done an incredible job and the craftsmanship is outstanding.

Consideration of the instalment of a fence to be placed either side of the new clapper stile in its location, as per the original specification. Original specification included in packs for Councillors to review prior to the meeting. This to be actioned as soon as possible due to health and safety concerns Cllr Chris Hine proposed, Cllr Carole Campbell seconded. **Agreed. Motion Carried.**

Consideration of groundworks and works on the path - repairing the void, clearing the culvert, re-lining culvert, re-shaping path (improving the slope so that ground levels are more similar near the stile) at the recreation ground surrounding that of the clapper stile. This to be actioned as soon as possible due to health and safety concerns as per above. Cllr Enid Bald proposed, Cllr John Bald seconded. **Agreed. Motion Carried.**

Re-digging the ditch at the recreation ground near the clapper stile, this is considered to be part of LPC's riparian duty. Cllr John Bald proposed that the re-digging of the ditches should be carried out and that this work should go out to tender. Cllr Enid Bald seconded. It was put to a vote with all for with one abstention. **Agreed. Motion Carried.**

Consideration of the proposed solutions for IT within the office. Cllr Enid Bald proposed that the Council opt to use Outlook mailboxes, as proposed by Cllr Lee Gardner, initially and when the software is no longer available, to purchase / look to upgrade Office 365. This was seconded by Cllr Lee Gardner. **Agreed. Motion Carried.**

Confirmation of the date of the annual meeting of the Parish, to be held on Monday 15th April 2019.

Consideration of a memorial celebration for Private John Fincham. Cllr Kate Kell proposed that the 23rd April (St Georges Day) be the most viable date to allow attendance from the cadets, on condition that this date is agreeable with the family of Private J Fincham to ensure they can attend. This was seconded by Cllr Enid Bald. **Agreed. Motion Carried.**

The LPC Triennial Tree Survey; A review of all trees on Parish Council owned land to ensure safety standards are met.

Emergency works required; the felling of the lime tree at the north western edge of the cemetery has been done, this was raised as urgent works for safety reasons.

Consideration of the set-up of a village community group to assist with maintenance within the village. LPC will support the litter collection and village community group as much as possible. Clerk to assist with advertising and arranging if required. Mr. Dyer and Mr. Ian Blackman from Local Handyman Services were thanked for their assistance in removing the cage and returning it to the Co-op.

The meeting was closed at 10.15pm

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