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## Let's celebrate summer – scarecrow-style in 2018

ARE you part of a Linton group or society? Would you like to share your hobby or interest?

Over the weekend of 29th June – 1st July 2018, St Mary's will be hosting a whole village event. We would like to encourage as many groups, societies, schools, services and church groups as possible to take part.

We will welcome stalls on the Saturday, which will offer an opportunity both to raise funds and publicise your activity. You might also like to offer a talk or demonstration. We are planning a programme in church for Saturday 30th June.

As well as the stalls on the 30th there will be: a dog show, music provided by Linton Jazz, food and, in the evening, a concert by The Grove Singers.

So where do the scarecrows come in? Well, we're planning a trail. Scarecrows, made by us all, both individuals and groups, shops and businesses will be placed all around the village. Trail sheets will be available for scarecrow-spotters to enjoy and you might even win a prize.

Think you'll miss the flowers? We'd like the church to be decorated, so if you'd like to offer an arrangement, please be in touch.

Ending with a Festival Service in church, the whole weekend offers opportunities for our village community to get together, enjoy the sunshine and have fun.

For further information, to sign up for a pitch, offer a talk or a scarecrow, please contact me.

Pam Richardson 890921



An example of a scarecrow, could you do better?  
Picture supplied by Pam Richardson

## Appointments at Granta Medical Practices as at 11th October 2017

WE continue to have a very high demand for appointments but continue to offer unlimited on the day access for urgent problems.

Our routine ability to book ahead depends on the clinician and the current wait for the next available routine appointment is three weeks. However, for doctors with specialist areas of expertise the wait may be longer but, as a service, is far shorter than waiting for a hospital specialist.

Following discussion at the patient group, we have implemented a change to our system to generate an extra 64 routine appointments a week. Unfortunately, we also have to deal with some staff sickness at the moment (we are down six sessions a week).

Fundamentally, we have extremely high demand levels, we never turn away on the day urgent cases and are the only surgery doing this.

The Clinical Directors, Granta Medical Practices  
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## Junior Language challenge



And it is indeed Jacob in the photo – in deep concentration during the national Junior Language Challenge final.

Picture supplied by the JLC organisers

HUGE congratulations go to Jacob Frankish from Linton Heights Junior School (Yr 6) who made it through to the final round of the national Junior Language Challenge in London recently.

Over 2,000 children originally entered the competition which started with French; the second round was Japanese, with the semi-final being hosted at Linton Heights. The grand final language was Zulu where Jacob competed in London to be placed in the final 18.

French teacher Madame Kelly said the children who took part had really enjoyed the challenge and the school will definitely be entering again next year.

What a fantastic achievement, well done Jacob.  
Christine Benjamin, school secretary

## Dick Whittington – Linton – December

SWORD fighting, dancing, comedy routines and singing are being enthusiastically rehearsed in the village in preparation for Lorenzo Zambrana's new pantomime, Dick Whittington.

Tommy the cat is proving to be a right Diva, sometimes coming between our cheerful hero, Dick, and his lovely lady, Alice Fitzwarren.

Sarah the cook has a twinkle in her eye for Alice's dad, the Alderman, but her lazy son, Jack, doesn't make things easy for her – all he wants to do is sleep.

Keeping an eye on proceedings is our smiley fairy Bow Bells, much to the annoyance of nasty Queen Rat, whose loyal rats are everywhere, bringing London down. This panto is full of vivid characters with lots



Left to right: Imogen Annett as Tommy the cat, Lorenzo Zambrana as Sarah the cook, Amy Hayden as Dick Whittington

Picture by Lorenzo Zambrana

of action and music and a cast of all ages.

With dazzling sets and costumes, this year's Dick Whittington promises to be more spectacular than last year's Aladdin. Any proceeds made will go to East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH).

So, if you want to have a good laugh and enjoy a fun couple of hours, come and support the newly-formed Linton Pantomime Society.

Performances are in December 2017, on Saturday 9th at 3pm and 7pm and Sunday 10th at 3pm, at Linton Village College. Children £7 and Adults £9. Please visit www.lintonpanto.com or call Joyce/Tracey on 891790.

Tracey Zambrana Roberts,  
07508908735

## Here we go again...another application for Horseheath Road

WE have just heard that a third application for the Diocese site at Horseheath Road has been submitted. This time for up to 42 dwellings and not less than 0.4ha of allotments, with associated open space and sustainable drainage. It is application S/3405/17/OL.

Please send comments to Karen Pell-Coggins the Planning Officer at SCDC, copied to LPC.

The application is still outline, so that the site plan is indicative. The housing mix and locations seem to have changed, but without firm and defensible planning conditions, the bungalows and other features could eventually be anywhere. The allotments

are not regulation size and would only be controlled, not owned, by the Parish – and the site remains a long walk from the village.

We will convene a public meeting to discuss the revised application, in early November, letting you know by posters and social media.

Meanwhile, we welcome the information and input of residents to our Planning Working Group meetings, where we work together informally on supporting documentation for our planning decisions. Please let the Parish Clerk know if you would like to help on this, the Balsham Road application, and whatever future applications might

be heading our way.

Update - the planning application for site at Back Road and two applications at Horseheath Road were refused by LPC (endorsed by residents) and also by SCDC. The developers appealed against these decisions.

LPC has been granted Rule 6 status enabling us to take an active part in the appeal hearings; we have submitted extensive and detailed documents in response to the developer case.

The appeals will be heard by the Planning Inspectorate in January - your support there will also be welcome.

Enid Bald

## It's the end for the paper caddies

SOUTH Cambridgeshire District Council is changing the way used paper is collected from residents for recycling.

From 11th December, residents won't need to use their caddies to recycle paper anymore.

From that date, residents should place their used paper directly into their blue wheelie bins instead. This used paper will still be recycled after being sorted from other materials at

our facility near Waterbeach.

Residents can keep their caddy to use for anything they like. Alternatively they can be recycled by being dropped off at the nearest household waste recycling centre. They should not be placed into wheelie bins.

The decision to withdraw the paper caddy service was taken at South Cambridgeshire District Council's Cabinet meeting in September. The decision will save taxpayers money and

simplify the recycling process for residents.

Because of this upcoming change, the District Council will not be delivering any new paper caddies. If they are lost or stolen before 11th December, residents can begin putting paper in their blue bin.

For more information go to www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling or ring the refuse team on : 03450 450 063

Tom Horn  
Communications Officer

Editor's note: Please be aware that there will be no green bin collection on 4th December

## Too good for jumble

ARE you interested in classic cameras?

New this month is a Chinon CG65 SLR Olympus camera with zoom lens and case.

There is also a dolls house with some furniture. The house is 70 cm high, 56 cm long and 40 cm wide.

To view the items, or if you have an item to benefit a charity please contact Kate France on 891602 or email kfrance@profsoundconsult.com. NB: The donor chooses the charity to receive the money.



## Assessing our Infant School



NOVEMBER is here, with the dark mornings and evenings, and the school term is well under way. All of the new children have settled well and it's difficult to believe they have only been with us for eight weeks.

As a Church School, we are subject to not only an inspection from Ofsted, but we are also inspected under SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) and this inspection happened in September.

The SIAMS inspection process is based on the school's own self-evaluation and the evidence that supports it but the overarching question behind SIAMS is, 'How distinctive and effective is this school as a Church of England School?' Four key questions are used to approach it:

- How well does the school, through its distinctive Christian character, meet the needs of all learners?
- What is the impact of collective worship on the school community?
- How effective is the religious education?
- How effective are the leadership and management of the school as a Church school?

As with Ofsted, we are unable to share the outcome until the school receives the formal report, but I was very proud of the staff and children and how our school was shared with the Inspector.

Although this term is only eight weeks in, we are already thinking about the intake for September 2018 as the admissions window will soon open. If you are thinking that Linton Infants is the school for your child, we are holding some sessions for you to come and see for yourself.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November: sessions will be from 9.45am – 10.45am and 1.30pm – 2.30pm.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: a session from 9.45am – 10.45am.

The places on each session are limited so please phone the school office on 891421 to book a place.

We look forward to seeing you.

Kelly Harries, Head Teacher



**lintongrantaplaygroup**

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FIRST of all please note that our new opening hours are 8.30am – 2.30pm Monday to Friday.

We have had a very busy first half term back in playgroup. Welcoming back some families and getting to know some new, our new starters are now well settled and have had the opportunity to experience new things.

We had a visit from the oral health nurse who explained at the children's level the importance of oral hygiene.

Natalie the dance instructor from Made2Move came in and put us through our paces.

We have gone on some local walks to collect some autumn treasures, visit the park, post some letters, and to ask some local businesses to display our posters.

We have had a very successful Bingo evening to raise an impressive £400, thank you to all that attended. We are now focusing on our next fundraiser, our Christmas fair, which is from 2–4pm on 18<sup>th</sup> November in Linton Village Hall.

Karen Thompson, Manager 07806 744864  
office@lintongrantaplaygroup.org.uk



## Making Apple Juice at Linton Heights

ON Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October, Linton Heights hosted the first Linton Community apple pressing session.

With support from Linton Infants and Sustainable Linton, three apple presses and scratters (like a mincer, but for apples) were set up and put into production making use of apples that in past years have simply gone to waste. Around 100 litres of juice were made over the afternoon, using apples from the school grounds as well as from people's gardens.

It was fantastic to have so many children and adults from the local community getting involved to make use of the fantastic produce that we have in our village. The event was such a success that plans are already being discussed to run the event next year.

Our appreciation goes to Paul Richardson from Sustainable Linton, David Waite from Linton Infants and Alan and Hillary Crooks for their apple pressing expertise, ensuring that the day went off without a glitch.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the families who came down and made the afternoon so enjoyable.

Jamie Wilson Yr4 teacher.

## Sawston Adult Education Workshops

AT Sawston Village College we are very proud of the variety of courses that we have available here for the local community.

If you are looking for some chill-out time before the Christmas festivities, then perhaps one of our Saturday Workshops on the 9<sup>th</sup> December will appeal?

Below are the exciting courses we have on offer:

- Patchwork & Quilting - Christmas Table Runner 10am – 4pm £30
- Christmas Day Flowers 10.30 am – 12.30pm £10
- Indian Dance 10.30am – 12.30pm £10
- Evening Make-up/Smokey eye workshop 10am – 4pm £30

All courses need to be booked in advance either by telephone or by downloading a booking form from our website below.

If you have any enquiries or wish to make a booking please feel free to pop in at the Adult Education reception Monday to Friday, 9am to 1pm, during term.

Alternatively telephone us on 712424 or email community@sawstonvc.org, or check out our website at www.sawstonadulthood.org.

Amanda Hoskins  
The Adult Education Department  
Sawston Village College



Table decoration  
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Indian Dance

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## Garden Makeover

THANKS to the very generous grant from the Co-op community fund, Chestnut Playgroup has begun to overhaul its garden.

This wonderful outside space is used, not only by the playgroup, but by other community groups and visitors to the library and children's centre.

Over the next few months you should begin to see some changes such as new vegetable planters, water tray and sand pit.

We will also be constructing water and percussion walls to expand the children's outdoor learning.

We are organising a parent working day in the near future to install these items and prepare the garden for winter.

The mud kitchen and outdoor cafe is already up and running and the children have been using a range of plants and herbs from the sensory garden to make some amazing creations. Watch this space for photographs of the end result in the New Year.

Places are available for this academic year for children from two years to school age. Our opening hours are 9am to 2.30pm, Monday to Friday.

We offer a range of morning, lunch and afternoon sessions to suit your family's needs.

We are also accepting children who qualify for Extended hours funding and can offer this up to the 27.5 hours a week we are open.

Please contact our Administrator on 07342 900120, to arrange a visit or for further information goto [admin@chestnutplaygroup.org.uk](mailto:admin@chestnutplaygroup.org.uk).

Wendy Hine on behalf of Chestnut Playgroup

## Granta School Christmas Fayre

THE Friends of Granta School, a special school sharing the grounds of Linton Village College, are holding their annual Christmas Fayre from 1.30pm to 4pm on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at the school in Linton.

There will be stalls providing gift ideas for Christmas as well as the usual tombolas, raffle, lucky dip, games, cakes and refreshments.

If you are interested in a pitch for your own stall please contact me on [joineryreynolds@outlook.com](mailto:joineryreynolds@outlook.com) for more details.

We look forward to seeing you.

Amanda Reynolds

## Linton Village College

### Adult Community Learning

WE have had a good intake of learners on our adult education classes for the autumn term, thank you for supporting your local College.

We still have a few places available on our Italian Beginners course on a Tuesday evening, French Beginners on Wednesday and Indian cookery on a Thursday.

There are also places available on our one day Saturday workshops on 9<sup>th</sup> December for Upholstery and Indian cookery.

For further information or an enrolment form please email [adult.education@lvc.org](mailto:adult.education@lvc.org) or telephone 891233 Ext 303 or 317.

Margaret Kiddy  
Adult Education Manager

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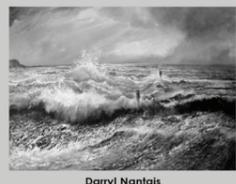
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## OUR THANKS

The Tournant family would like to thank all friends and customers who sent cards and kind thoughts after the death of our father John (Jean-Claude) who died on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. André Tournant

ONE of several coffee mornings in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support was held at Lizzie's Beauty Salon on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October. A total of £203.56 was raised. Many thanks to all who helped and who gave so generously. Sarah Hurcum

## Gardening by the Moon

 NIGEL START was our speaker for the October meeting. We had a very detailed and amusing talk on Gardening by the Moon. Nigel has gardened this way for many years using the Biodynamic method.

In the Calendar of the Moon, the monthly and daily charts are shown, using the zodiac signs as a method of positioning the moon for accurate planting. At the new moon, the lunar gravity pulls water up and together with the increased moonlight produces root and leaf growth. Different plants grow better when planted at varying phases of the moon. For the best effect and yield, plant on root or plant days using the calendar.

Using this method much of the organic crop is grown. We were assured that we did not have to go out in the middle of the night in our pyjamas. A lively question time then followed.

Nigel's talk was preceded by a short AGM. The Garden Club's activities for the 2016-2017 season, including the plant sale, annual show and club introduction day, were all considered to have been very successful.

The club is looking for a new secretary and other committee members. If you are interested please contact me.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November in the Village Hall at 7.30 Visitors Welcome.

Peter Jackson will talk about House Plants.

Anita Daws 892113 lgcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk

## Harvest Flowers

 AT October's meeting, as a change from our usual harvest supper meal, Margaret Kiddy, a tutor from Adult Community Learning at Linton Village College, gave a lesson in flower arranging. Members were taught how to make a posy type table centre. Margaret supplied the dish and oasis and the committee bought the flowers (spray carnations, spray chrysanthemums and gypsophilla).

Members had been asked to bring their own foliage and berries etc. There was a real buzz in the hall as members worked and chatted and admired the finished creations. Margaret told us about her five-week flower arranging courses at Linton Village College and some members put their names down. Anybody interested can enrol on the Linton Village College website, click on Adult Community Learning and the booking form will appear.

A few committee members had baked delicious cakes for refreshments and these were enjoyed with our tea or coffee and a chat. All in all, this was a very successful evening which got everybody talking and involved.

Our next meeting will be on 7<sup>th</sup> November when the speaker will be Cheryl Brighty, a chocolatier. The talk is entitled Artistry in Cocoa. New members and visitors are always welcome. Sally Proberts

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## Foundling Hospital

THE next meeting of the Historical Society will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November in the Village Hall, Coles Lane. The speaker will be Horry Parsons and the subject for the evening will be Building Bury St Edmunds' Cathedral Tower. John Caldicott gave a thought provoking talk in September about the Foundling Hospital and his own childhood there.

Thomas Coram, a retired sea captain, was shocked to find children abandoned on London's squalid streets in 1720. Finally gaining royal consent, his long campaign raised £10,000 to buy 56 acres in rural Bloomsbury where children born outside marriage could have a home and education.

An interim house was acquired in 1741 to take 30 healthy, new born babies. No questions were asked, but some mothers left identifying tokens. Each child was given a new name.

The hospital gradually took shape with barrack-like accommodation for the children and elegant offices for the governors to entertain visitors and potential donors.

Children were fostered until ready for schooling and eventually became apprentices. Girls entered domestic service but boys had more opportunities, many entering the army.

By 1935 the hospital had moved to Berkhamsted. A school inspection in the 1940s highlighted the arcane customs and staffing issues. The growing emphasis on child welfare led to longer term fostering and the hospital became a secondary school, known as Ashlyns.

The Coram Foundation now runs the Foundling Museum in London and concentrates on adoption services.

The September speaker would like to contact the visitor who brought along the photograph to the meeting. Please phone me for further details.

Pat Faircloth 893928

## News from St Mary's

THERE are three special things happening at St Mary's during November:

**A Time to Remember at 7.30pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.** This is a short service for those who have lost someone dear to them. It doesn't matter how long ago, or whether or not their funeral was at St Mary's. Please join us for a simple service with an opportunity to light a candle in memory of your loved one. Tea and coffee will be served in church afterwards, for those who would like to stay.

**Remembrance Sunday Service at 2.30pm on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November** remembering those who died in the service of their country during wartime, with the uniformed organisations, and a parade to the War Memorial in the Cemetery afterwards, where there will be the village Act of Remembrance.

**Housing Options for Older People, including adaptations which can be made. A talk by Sarah Bellow at 3pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November in the Church or Pavilion.** This will be followed by refreshments. Sarah is the Care Network's South Cambridgeshire Community Development Officer. All welcome - an opportunity to look ahead for yourself or for relatives, and ask to questions which may be on your mind. Please join us, if you can.

Maggie Guite (Rector of St Mary's)  
Margaret.guite@icloud.com

## PLODDING ALONG An update on police matters

BETWEEN 5pm on 26<sup>th</sup> September and 7am on 27<sup>th</sup> there was a theft from a motor vehicle on the Grip Industrial Estate, Reference CF0553610917

Between 9am on 17<sup>th</sup> September and 5.30pm on 21<sup>st</sup> September there was a burglary in Back Road, Reference CF0542220917  
PCSO Lindsay Gardiner

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

**NOVEMBER 2017**  
2 Luncheon Club, 12 noon Old Red Lion Horseheath  
2 Christmas Shopping for Anthony Nolan, 7pm Chalklands  
2 All Souls service, 7.30pm St Mary's  
4 Farmers' Market, 9am-12 noon VH  
4 Fireworks, 6.30pm Camping Close  
6 Camera Club, 7pm CC  
7 WI, 7.30pm VH  
8 Community navigator, 10am-12noon HC  
11 Mother's union nearly new Sale, 11.30am VH  
12 Remembrance service, 2.30pm St Mary's  
13 Whist Drive, 7.30pm VH  
14 VIP Group, 2pm Chalklands  
14 Garden Club, 7.30pm VH  
15 Cambs Hearing Help, 9.30am-12noon HC  
16 Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm CC  
17 Daylight readers, 10.30am Library  
17 Quiz night Friends of St Mary, 7pm URC  
18 Coach trip to Ely St Mary's events, 10.30am D&D/Fire Stat.  
18 Granta playgroup Christmas fair, 2-4pm VH  
19 MessyChurch, 2.30pm St Mary's Church  
19 Walking group, 11am Church Lane  
21 Open Day Linton Infant, 9.45am and 1.30pm LIS  
21 Historical Society, 7.30pm VH  
22 Open Day Linton Infant, 9.45am LIS  
27 Housing options for older people talk, 3pm St Mary's

**DECEMBER 2017**  
2 Luncheon Club, 12 noon Old Red Lion Horseheath  
2 Farmers' Market, 9am-12noon VH  
2 Friends of Granta School Xmas Fayre, 1.30-4pm, School  
3 Christingle service, 3pm St Mary's  
3 Advent service, 3pm St Mary's  
9/10 Dick Whittington, various LVC  
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.  
Library times: Mon closed; Tue 10am-5pm; Wed 4pm-7pm; Thurs 2pm-5pm; Fri 10am-5pm; Sat 10am-1pm.  
Bin Collection Dates  
Linton refuse collection: Mondays 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November.  
Linton blue and green bin collection: Mondays 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November. NB: no green collection 4<sup>th</sup> December.



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## Green Aiders

There's still time to get your garden under control for free.

EX-SERVICE personnel living in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough can call the Green Aiders to clear their garden this autumn.

The Green Aiders is a free, one-off garden clearance service run by community charity Groundwork Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, and there is still funding for more veterans and their families to benefit from the scheme.

It is funded by The Royal British Legion through its External Grants programme and is available to vulnerable or disabled ex-Service personnel or their spouses, partners, widows/widowers, children or dependants aged 65 plus.

Through a one-off visit, dedicated volunteers led by Groundwork staff make gardens more manageable, safer and more pleasant to spend time in. Clearing overgrown gardens also makes it harder for criminals or fraudsters to identify occupants as potential targets.

Gary's father James recently benefited from a Green Aiders visit. Gary says: "Dad is happier now – the fact that someone did something for him makes a difference. Green Aiders is the only gardening support that he's had and they've done really well for him. It's made me feel better, too, as I don't need to worry – I know it's under control now."

Head of Social Policy & Grant Giving at the Legion, Steven Baynes, said: "We're pleased to have awarded over £43,000 to Groundwork. The grant demonstrates the Legion's continued commitment to working with other organisations to provide the best support possible to our beneficiaries"

If you or someone you know could benefit from a Green Aiders visit, contact Groundwork Cambridgeshire & Peterborough on 01480 587141.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Linton Brownies needs YOU

COULD you lead our Brownies every Wednesday from 6 - 7.15pm during term time?

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Louisa Powell-Owens,  
Linton District  
Commissioner Designate

## Dr Miguel Arbide's Channel Swimming

FIRSTLY I am so grateful and humbled by the fantastic response to my fundraising event this year.

Between the patients and staff of Granta Medical Practices, primarily at the Linton Health Centre site, but also at Sawston, Barley and Royston, we have raised nearly £5,000 for Melanoma Focus, which will be mainly put to use in primary care research through a local project based in Cambridge Strangeways laboratory.

I have actually done two English Channel swims this year.

On Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> I got to France as part of a relay. I had a message at work on Friday lunchtime asking who was in to meet that night. We set off in a boat from Dover around 1.00am.

I started the swim just before 2.00am in a choppy strong tide. It was quite dark, the boat lights showing the way, the water was fresh at around 16°C, with a moderate breeze.

We changed swimmers every hour in a strict order making sure all the distance was covered and nobody touched the next swimmer or the boat during the swim.

After 15 hours, we were very close but the tide was so strong that we were drifting north towards the Ferry terminal in Calais, and the pilot was worried he may have to stop the swim.

Most of us had not slept for nearly 36 hours, so were getting a bit tired but we had to swim hard to try to break

the tide.

Finally we got through to shallow waters and a lovely sandy beach appeared. We reached the beach, hugged, smiled, then picked the pebble that you are entitled to bring back to England if you swim the Channel, before swimming back to the boat and swiftly heading back.

My other swim was my solo attempt.

I have trained for over two years for that, having acclimatised to cold water swimming, (swimming in the sea, rivers and outdoor pools without a wetsuit for up to seven hours at a time all year round).

The solo went well in that I prepared diligently, qualified to start (six hour swim in water cooler than 15.5C), learnt to feed in the water, improve nutrition and minimise alcohol, manage injuries, psychological training, fitness, and technique.

I swam on August 27<sup>th</sup>. A perfect day other than the very strong tide that, after 14.5 hours of constant swimming, did not allow me to break into the calm coastal French waters and land on a beach.

I gained a personal best swim time improving on seven hours from my previous best, and I now know that I can get there. I just need to keep believing it, make a few small changes and try again.

Thank you to everybody that supported me.

Dr Miguel Arbide  
Granta Medical Practice  
As told to Sarah Hurcum



### Are you looking for funds or prepared to be involved?

If you know a local charity or organisation that might benefit by receiving funds from the Sawston Fun Run, let us know. We are inviting local charities and organisations to apply to be a beneficiary of the event to be held on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

Each year, the event donates around £15,000 to charities and organisations serving villages around Sawston. Since 1986 we have raised more than £440,000 for local hospitals, hospices, schools, youth groups, support groups and local branches of national charities.

You need to identify a specific project or activity that needs support, tell us who will benefit, and say when the funds are needed. Whilst capital projects are preferred, the selection is based on the strength of each case. The closing date for applications is 30<sup>th</sup> November. Application forms are available off the website [www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk](http://www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk) or by contacting me on 872243 or [enquiries@sawstonfunrun.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@sawstonfunrun.co.uk)

This great local event has expanded over the years so it engages with all sections of the community and attracts more than 1,000 entrants. It has become the largest community event of its type in the area - organised and managed totally by volunteers with support from local businesses and retailers.

Past sponsors and advertisers are already confirming their backing. We would love to hear from any business or individual who is willing to help or be involved in any way. Runner registration opens in February 2018.

Ian Chamberlain  
Rotary Club of Cambridge Sawston

## Is this Fulbourn's best kept secret?

YOU may have driven past and not even known it was there, but the Windmill Hydrotherapy Pool in Fulbourn currently welcomes over 250 people each week.

It offers sessions for all ages but is specifically adapted for those with learning and physical disabilities and we are currently seeking lifeguards to join their busy team.

Whether customers are looking for regular hydrotherapy sessions, short term rehabilitation, perhaps after injury, or just would like some gentle exercise in the wonderfully warm water, this place has it all.

This hugely popular and beneficial pool is open six days a week and is available for individual and group private hire, and also includes a bespoke children's party option.

Lloyd Taylor, Pool Manager summed it up: "Working at the hydrotherapy pool is not just your standard, come to work sort of job, you genuinely make a difference to peoples' lives, its hugely rewarding." To help Lloyd maintain this much needed service, he would like to recruit more lifeguards.

For more details about the pool or if you are a lifeguard who is looking for flexible shifts and feel passionate about making a difference in the community, please give him a call on 882289 or email [pool@eddies.org.uk](mailto:pool@eddies.org.uk).

Marika Newman  
Volunteers Support Co-ordinator at Eddie's  
NB: Eddie's is a local charity providing support and services for people with learning disabilities. If you are interested in supporting us through donations or volunteering please contact us on 883130 or at: [info@eddies.org.uk](mailto:info@eddies.org.uk)

## Calling all pianists

THERE must be a number of people in Linton who play the piano and like to hear other people playing the piano. How about setting up a Linton Piano Circle?

The idea would be to meet say once a month and bring along a piece of music you'd like to play. Any level (post-Chopsticks) is fine.

The key is informality. It's a chance to listen to some new music and maybe to encourage players who are shy about playing in public to have a go.

I'd be happy to host the first meeting at 93 High Street. If you're interested, email me at [mcleanelt@aol.com](mailto:mcleanelt@aol.com)

Alan McLean

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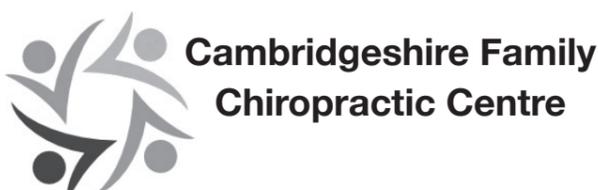
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# COUNTRY MATTERS

Text by Oriel O'Loughlin and illustrated by Maureen Williams

## Honey Fungus

IN our garden, honey fungus is a bit like "he who must not be named" at Hogwarts. It is cited as the root of all evil, the cause of death and destruction. Although this is not normally a gardening column, I thought it was time to delve a little deeper, 18 inches deeper to be precise.

Honey fungus is the common name for several species of Armillaria, the most destructive fungal disease in UK gardens. It was first identified in 1790 and though there are six different kinds, the likes of me are never going to be able to tell them apart, so I will stick with the collective term.

The fungus spreads underground through direct contact between the roots of infected and healthy plants by means of black root like structures looking just like bootlaces. They go as far down as 18 inches and can grow at more than a metre a year. Next time you're unable to sleep, just think about the evil bootlaces marching slowly through your soil till they find another plant to infect. They are a fungal search party hunting new food and capturing new prey. But most species are saprophytic, meaning they only weaken woody material that is already dead or dying. Plants and trees can become weak or stressed for many different reasons, chiefly age and drought, and it is then that the honey fungus strikes.

You may have seen the pale-yellow mushrooms clustered around the base of trees and cut logs – they come up almost overnight in the autumn and in a matter of a few days dissolve into a black mush. Three years ago we filled an entire

green wheelie bin with them. When I opened it the next day I nearly passed out with the stench, so decided to burn them rather than inflict them on an innocent bin man. This year we have had only a handful but who knows what lurks below?

The fungus disrupts the flow of water from being able reach the part of the plant or tree above ground.

Victims may have smaller and paler leaves than normal, premature autumn colour and splitting bark. Gum, resin or other watery substances may leak from the bark. Before succumbing, the tree may have a last blast of flower or fruit. But if you can peel back the bark, it means it is dying, and the evidence is often a layer of white fungus and a smell of mushrooms.

So, what to do? You could trawl through endless books and websites and find solutions from bulldozers to quarantining the infected area with a pond liner. Most are notoriously unsuccessful. There are no chemicals of any use. Aside from removing infected dead wood, you can plant more resistant trees and shrubs and take great care of those you have already. Perhaps,

just like the rabbit last month, we should just accept honey fungus as a fact of garden life and learn to live with it. But please don't eat it.



## Events at Wandlebury

**Nordic Walking Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> November: 1pm, 2pm, 3pm start**

THREE levels of walk: 1pm for those with restricted mobility, 2pm for a healthy lifestyle speed, 3pm total beginners. NB: Poles can be borrowed free of charge if required. There is no charge for the restricted mobility and healthy speed walks, for total beginners the cost is £15 per hour – please book.

For more information and booking: contact Oliver on 07947835522 or info@nordicwellbeing.co.uk

**Healthy Walking Every Thursday from 10am or 10.30am to 11am**

WALKING for Health accredited sociable walks around the park. Meet at the Stable Rooms at 10am for a longer walk or 10.30am for a shorter stroll. Walks end around 11am with tea and coffee in the Stable Rooms. All welcome, suitable for all abilities. NB: Free of charge and no need to book, please arrive 10 minutes early to register if it's your first session.

**Coppicing at Wandlebury Park Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 10am to 3pm**

THE day will involve cutting with hand saws, as well as stacking and sorting cut branches – so you'll get a good workout at the same time. Wear warm, waterproof clothing and tough shoes, bring a packed lunch and drink.

NB: No need to book. Meet at Wandlebury car park notice board. For more information email bookings@cambridgeppf.org, call 243830 extension 207 or visit www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on

**Outdoor Craft and Storytelling for children aged up to six. Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 10.30am to 11.30am**

VITAL SPARK Theatre is a Cambridgeshire based company specialising in working with young people in a creative way through drama, dance, music and creative arts.

NB: Meet at the stable rooms. Time will be spent outside regardless of weather, so please dress appropriately. Booking is essential for this event and there is a charge. Children must remain accompanied throughout. For more information and booking email Katherine@vitalsparktheatre.org

Lorna Gough

## POT POURRI 150

**Pot Pourri 151 - Equal Areas**

TWO plots of land both right-angled triangles (Pythagorean) in shape had an area under 300. The sides of both plots are completely different. What are the dimensions of the two triangular sides?

NB: The sides are whole numbers - not fractions!

**Solution to 150 - Memorable Number**

The aaabbc number divisible by 17 = 9998822

Urania

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Christmas Cheer

THERE will be a Christmas coffee morning at Symonds House from 10am to 12 noon on Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup>. All welcome.

Julie Cleland, Home manager 891237

### Evening of Fun and Entertainment

COME and enjoy a night of laughter with Jonny Dee of Radio Cambridgeshire as he impersonates Elvis, Freddy Mercury, Mick Jagger and many others on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November. The venue is the Saffron Walden Bowls Club, the start time is 7.30pm for 8pm and the event ends at 10.30pm. Tickets cost £12.50 and can be purchased by emailing Paul at paul@support4sight.org.uk or call on 01799 523700 or simply pop in to our Resource Centre, 2 & 4 George Street, CB10 1EQ. All proceeds from ticket sales and the raffle go to Support 4 Sight.

Paul Atkins

Resource Centre and Volunteer Manager

### Hildersham notes

**Emmas in Hildersham – Clear out for Christmas**

TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> November in Hildersham Village Hall from 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Bring along good but no longer wanted items that can be sold, or re-used by Emmaus: useful items include books, furniture, kitchenware, bric-a-brac, fire regulated upholstery, good quality clothes and garden tools. Computers, printers and televisions other than flat screen are not useful. These items will all be collected by Emmaus on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

**Hildersham Lecture**

FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> November in Hildersham Church at 7.30pm. Please bring a mysterious object.

Whatever is it for? Why does it look like this? Cathy Myer will challenge your reasoning skills with some strange objects, each made for a very particular purpose.

Do bring along something to add to the collection and add to the fun of this brain teasing evening.

Entry £5 including refreshments, U18s free

**It's Christmas Teatime. A date for the diary**

THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> December in Hildersham Village Hall at 3.00pm. All the usual Christmas treats, mince pies, cake and conversation. We look forward to seeing you.

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

Cathy Myer

## Anderson Trust Grants

THE trustees of the Charles and Mary Anderson Benefaction would be pleased to receive applications for grants from the benefaction for distribution in 2018. The aims of the charity are as follows:

- To sustain the work and worship of St Mary's Church, Linton.
- To promote education for the benefit of those living in or resorting to Linton, in particular within the church school.
- Any other charitable purpose for those living in or resorting to Linton.

In 2017/8 grants were made, ranging in value from £150 to £5,000, covering varied activities supporting all ages across the community.

Applicants need to complete the 2018 application form, which contains further details of the application process.

The form is available from Gillian Powell, Chair of the Trustees, on 893664 or by email at the address below.

Applications should be sent to 7 Harefield Rise, Linton, CB21 4LS by the deadline of Friday, February 2nd 2018.

Email applications may be made to powellz@talktalk.net. The trustees will meet in early March to consider all applications.

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# The Marsh mail



EDUCATION news has been awash with challenges faced by schools. There have been a number of high profile campaigns, including [www.schoolsjustwannahavefunds.org](http://www.schoolsjustwannahavefunds.org) to address endemic funding issues that are affecting our ability to deliver the excellent education that all children deserve.

After months of consultation, the National Funding Formula was published in September. Despite a commitment to tackle inherent inequalities that saw schools in Cambridgeshire being grossly underfunded on the basis of historic formulae, the indicative figures demonstrate little real improvement.

Linton Village College stands to gain a nominal amount over the coming years. Unfortunately, much of this is wiped out by real term cost increases. Meanwhile caps to protect the funding of better off counties maintain existing inequities. If we were positioned over the Essex border we would see around £105,000 more in our annual budget; if we were in Greater Manchester we'd be over a million pounds better off; in Hackney, we would receive an extra £2.5 million.

Making the books balance is becoming increasingly difficult. We are keen to maintain a holistic and enriching learning experience at LVC, avoiding a narrowing of the curriculum that other schools in the area have resorted to, or having to cut back on much needed pastoral and learning support, especially as access to other services are under significant pressure.

We are really grateful to the school community for supporting us with fundraising. The Chestnut Tree at West Wratting raised over £1,300 from donations from their beer festival at the start of term which has been committed to improving IT resources. We are awaiting a final total of the monies raised from our annual sponsored walk which will help to update school facilities.

The Friends of LVC have recruited a new Chair and Secretary to the committee and we are thrilled that this important source of support will continue. Anyone wishing to volunteer can contact [friends@lvc.org](mailto:friends@lvc.org).

I know that many LVC past and present families and the wider community already contribute to LVC's Trust Fund. If you would like to contribute on a monthly, annual or one-off basis, please contact Jackie.Bailey@lvc.org.

Helena Marsh  
Executive Principal

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- S/2570/17/FL, Carol Smith, 3 Clover Court. Proposed living roof (double glazed system to replace polycarbonate roof).
- S/3405/17/OL, Ely Diocesan Board of Finance, Land south of Horseheath Road. Outline planning application with all matters reserved for up to 42 dwellings and not less than 0.4ha of allotments, with associated open space and sustainable drainage.
- S/3496/17/TP, Ruth Wilkinson, 21 Parsonage Way. T1 Fagus sylvatica Crown reduce by 2-2.5m (similar to previous pruning), thin crown by 15-20%.
- S/3524/17/FL and S/3525/17/LB, Powell, Land adjacent to 8 Green Lane. Erection of 1 no. dwelling to the south of No 8 Green Lane along with a revised garage to No 8 Green Lane, alterations to the access and front boundary wall, a new pedestrian access, and associated infrastructure and landscaping.
- S/3532/17/TC, Pamela Phipps, 17 Green Lane. Silver Birch x 2-reduce largest tree by approximately 4 metres and smaller tree to similar height. Reduce sides by 1-2 metres to balance shape. Fir-clear building by 1 metre.
- S/3595/17/DC, Mr & Mrs Wilkinson, Queens House, 16 High Street. Discharge of conditions 3,4,6 and 7 of planning permission S/2145/17/LB.
- S/3624/17/TC, Kimberley Jones, 4 Horn Lane. T1 Yew reduce to 1.5m pole, T2 Scots Pine shorten extraneous stems caused by Yew above.

# The Way We Were

By Garth Collard

## Congregational Sunday School and Hall



Chapel Tombs 1900

Picture from Garth's collection

ish School building in Market Lane, on the site of the present day Shepherds Hall.

A new minister, John Williamson, arrived in 1893 and determined to provide the children with a less cramped venue closer to the chapel. Fundraising began but in the first year only £8.10s. was raised. Williamson then looked for major donors in the community, amongst them Miss Ann Hailes who lived in a large brick fronted house opposite Mill Lane. Her father, William, had been a wealthy builder, architect and property owner.

Architect Edwin Burgess designed a new building in brick as an annex on the west side of

the chapel. It would cost £800 - £1,000 and was to be 50 feet long and 40 feet wide. It would accommodate 250 people and had a built in stage with a small meeting room behind. The main hall had six small alcoves for small Sunday school classes; each had revolving, sliding doors. There was a gallery with three more small classrooms.

The contract went to Mr Burgess who sold his business to Paintins in 1915. The foundation stone was unveiled in 1905 by Mr King from Sudbury. To boost the build adults could buy a brick for 2/6d or one shilling for children with each donor loaned a small mallet to put their brick in place.

By early 1904 the building fund had reached the half way point. The hall could secure income by being let to village organisations. It was opened in May 1905 by Mr Chivers who took the place of his wife who was too ill to attend. He was presented with a silver key to pass on to his wife. When the building was opened there was a deficit in the funding of around £100, so Mr Chivers kindly paid off the debt.

William Barker of 96 High Street administered the Sunday School. He was a miller and stockist of fertiliser and animal feeds. Over 200 children regularly attended and most went to the first production of the new Linton drama group, a play entitled *The Prince and the Monster*; the monster being the devil, drink.

A packed meeting in August 1914 was used to recruit volunteers for the war. Williamson stated the war was God's war and men had to defend justice and freedom, especially important because civilians in Belgium were treated so badly by the German Huns.

The new hall was a major source of social events and used for political party meetings and parish council business.

## Councillors' Report for Parish Councils

### City Deal

THE final official public meeting of the A1307 Local Liaison Forum was held at Sawston Village College on 26<sup>th</sup> September.

The City Deal/Greater Cambridge Partnership team had compiled the results of the four previous idea workshops and came up with three schemes that cover the route as a whole.

The solutions east of Fourwentways (our section) are the same in all three schemes.) The proposals need to go out to consultation and then come back to be discussed again so we are still some way off having decisions made.

### Children's Centres

Consultation on this has ended as this as it went to the Full Council meeting of the County Council on 17<sup>th</sup> October .

### Library Services

There are, and will be further, consultation events in Cambridgeshire's libraries regarding their futures.

The County Council are looking to economise their library service by looking at the staffing options, so potentially having fewer staff, a community run service or even an unmanned library service.

More information on these workshops can be seen here - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/future-libraries-community-groups-invited-to-help-shape-libraries-in-cambridgeshire/>

### National Schools Funding

See Marsh mail.

### Innovate and Cultivate Fund

This is a rebranding of the previously named, Cambridgeshire Communities Innovation Fund. It's a pot of £1million to help voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations realise their project ideas that help address the needs of local residents.

It's aimed at making it easier to apply for small grants and focuses on council funding projects.

The main thrust is to help redirect high cost front-line services towards support and services that are delivered with or by local communities, such as vulnerable adults, children and families and waste services.

Info can be seen at - <http://www.cambscf.org.uk/icf.html>

### Local Plan

Our Local Plan has been in suspension whilst a government inspector reviews it, which is why we have had so many unwelcome applications for housing developments around our villages.

We had hoped to hear the inspector's initial views at the end of September but that has now moved to late October because of holidays.

This process has been going on for more than three years and has resulted in more than 4,000 unplanned houses being dumped around our villages. It is a disgrace that we are in this position and it is an even bigger disgrace that it is taking so much time to correct the situation.

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# Parish Council Matters

## Market Square and High Street

### - parking for people

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OUR historic village has an increasingly busy commercial centre. This is excellent for the life of the village but also creates problems. As the Market Square is owned by the parish council, we would like to see it used for the benefit of the village and its trade.

It is proposed that parking at Market Square is restricted to two hours from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday. This will make it predominantly a shoppers car park. Please expect signs and restrictions to appear shortly.

This is the start of a project to encourage business, and to stop Market Square, the High Street and the lanes being used as Park and Ride for commuters - which includes creating official Park and Ride hubs.

The challenge is to adapt our mediaeval village to modern needs, whilst still keeping its character. We need to work together to achieve this.

Traffic working group

## Two new parish councillor introductions

AS one of the newest members to the parish council, I would like to introduce myself to those of you who I haven't had the opportunity of meeting yet. My name is Angharad Hammond and I have lived in the village for nearly 29 years. Initially born in North Wales my family moved to Cambridgeshire in my earlier years and moved into the village in 1991. I had the fortunate opportunity to grow up in this beautiful village and to attend the village schools, I have enjoyed living in Linton so much and watching the village grow and thrive I have chosen to return with my husband and my two sons following a brief period outside of the village. During this absence I studied Musical Theatre at theatre school and went on to gain my teaching qualifications to become a teacher of Drama, Music and Dance. I currently teach in Bury St Edmunds. My family and I moved back into the village in Finchams Close in

2011 where we were joined by our first son. We recently moved into the old headmasters house (where I used to baby sit!) on The Woodlands where we have



enjoyed the arrival of our second son. I have taken the decision to become a councillor as I feel that I can give back to the village that has given me so much and enable the village to continue giving for my children in the future, this has also been threatened recently by the insufficiently considered planning applications that have been filed against the wishes of the residents. I hope to support the village in finding the correct resolutions to these issues and to maximise the opportunities that are available to continue to grow and improve the village to meet our needs. Since joining the council, I am amazed and overwhelmed by the fantastic job the current councillors are already doing and hope to be a benefit to them in some way.

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Cllr Angharad Hammond

AS the newest member of Linton parish council, I am writing a brief article to introduce myself to those of you who don't know me.

My name is Kate Kell and I was born and brought up in village environments near Bristol, Chester and Oxford. I moved to Cambridge to study for my Engineering degree and met my husband (who grew up in Abington) while working at TWI in 1994. When looking to buy our first home, we decided we wanted to give our (future) family the chance to grow up in a thriving village environment like the ones we had known as children. We bought our first house together in Linton in 1998. Work then took us to the USA for two years, but we settled back in Linton at the end of 2000 and have lived here ever since. Some of you may



know me from my seven years in voluntary roles on the Linton Granta Playgroup Committee and as a Governor of Linton

Infant School while our three children were still small.

I joined the parish council because I have been shocked by the recent large, opportunistic planning applications that have been received around the village. The planning committee has an incredible amount of paperwork to scrutinise to present a case (in three minutes!) to fight these unsustainable developments and I wanted to help them in this task to protect the village. I am also looking forward to joining in with the many other council activities that help to keep Linton looking and functioning in the way that we all enjoy and have become accustomed to.

Cllr Kate Kell

## Housing options for older people

CAMBRIDGESHIRE County Council is working with South Cambridgeshire District Council on an exciting six-month pilot project which launched at the beginning of August in South Cambridgeshire - Housing Options for Older People (HOOP).

The project offers specialist housing advice and support to older people. The customer journey starts with a questionnaire asking older people (over 65s) about their home and how it suits them. This can be completed on line or via a leaflet. The answers are then used to put people in touch with local housing options (sheltered housing, extra care schemes), support services and community groups that can provide a mixture of practical support and advice - with the aim of helping people to make informed choices about their housing and wellbeing at an early stage.

This is only the second place in the country the service has been localised, up until now HOOP has been a national tool. We want all people to live independently in their own homes for as

long as possible and are committed to helping them to do that, therefore this pilot proposes more local solutions and suggests alternative independent housing opportunities and support to help people think through their housing options. It is hoped that if the pilot is successful, a full Cambridgeshire HOOP tool will be developed in 2018.

We are starting a programme of rolling communications to let people in South Cambs know about it - leaflets have been produced and placed in a number of places in the district such as GP surgeries and libraries, a targeted Facebook ad was launched in Linton and Sawston and an article is in the SCDC magazine autumn 2017 edition.

The HOOP service can be accessed online at [www.hoop.eac.org.uk](http://www.hoop.eac.org.uk) or by calling 0800 377 7070.

Communications Team  
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## Final request reminder - calling all Linton based community groups ...

IF you would like to apply for parish council funding for the next financial year please contact the parish council office for a grant application form or alternatively download one from [www.lintoncambridgeshire-pc.gov.uk](http://www.lintoncambridgeshire-pc.gov.uk) under the parish council documents heading.

All requests must be accompanied by an annual report and/or current bank statement and be received by the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017.



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In the year 1217, the Charter of the Forest recognised the importance of woodland when King Henry III re-established the right of free men to forage for food and to graze their animals.

The Woodland Trust is leading a project to highlight the importance of trees today through a new ten-point Charter for Trees, Woods and People. This is intended to guide UK policy and practice and will be launched on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017, the 800th anniversary of the Charter of the Forest. I encourage you to review and, hopefully, sign up to the Charter via the website [www.treecharter.uk](http://www.treecharter.uk)

Since 1217, our countryside has experienced many changes, driven by fluctuations in climate, the requirements of a rising population and economic necessity. 90% of the UK's current timber requirement is imported but some is produced in woods within the Hundred Parishes, some managed by the Woodland Trust or the Wildlife Trust and open to the public. The What's On page of the Hundred Parishes website includes opportunities to participate in woodland conservation activities.

One way to appreciate trees is to take a leisurely walk in the local countryside. There are a number of suggested routes on our website.

Tricia Moxey, Trustee, [www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk)

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# Council minutes council minutes council minutes council minutes

ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton Parish Council (LPC/PC) meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017.

**Present:** Cllr Paul Poulter (chairman); Cllr Merrie Mannassi (vice-chair); Cllr Enid Bald; Cllr Chris Hine; Cllr Chris Negus; Cllr Brian Manley; Cllr Angharad Hammond; Cllr John Bald. Clerk: Ms Kathryn Wiseman. County and District Cllr Henry Batchelor; District Cllr John Batchelor. Members of the public: one.

Guest speakers: Ms Julie Ayre - Team Leader East for Planning and New Communities at South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC), Mr Steven Munday - Treasurer, and Mr Lee Nash - village Youth Worker, at the Beacon Youth Trust.

**Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Graham Potter; Simon Hill; Dr Beatrice Ward; Amy Smith; Dr Brian Cox.

**Councillors' declarations of interest:** Cllrs Hine and Poulter declared a pecuniary interest in the Horseheath Road planning applications item.

**Councillor vacancies:** Application to consider for co-option by Ms Katherine Kell. Cllr E Bald proposed Katherine Kell to be co-opted onto LPC, Cllr Hine seconded. Agreed.

**Chairman's comment:** Cllr Poulter welcomed the guests of the parish council and thanked them for attending the meeting. The update on the Library summer reading challenge was that 40 children stayed the full course which was a great turn out, however with an original sign up of 90 children it would be great if next year the PC could offer the project support in advertising. It was also noted that the event at Linton Village College to celebrate its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary had a great turn out and was exceptionally well managed.

**To approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> August:** It was requested by Cllr E Bald that the wording be adjusted to add further clarity to the flooding item - that the flooding was due to 'surface water flooding', reworded from 'due to the recent heavy rain' and also noted that Cllr E Bald had already written the letter regarding riparian duties. Proposed by Cllr J Bald, seconded by Cllr Mannassi. Agreed

**District and County Councillors' reports & business:** Written report: Noted. The decision has been made by SCDC to change the format of the way they recycle paper which has resulted in discontinuing the use of the black paper caddy, all paper will soon be recycled via the blue bin with the rest of recycling due to a cost benefit analysis exercise where it was noted that paper has a far lower value than previous years.

**Planning matters:** Julie Ayre, Planning Team Leader East from SCDC: Julie Ayre advised that as it stands SCDC are considered to have no five year housing supply however they are awaiting a letter from the inspector which will hopefully say that the Local Plan has been found sound and SCDC can now progress towards adoption. This would immediately carry weight and once adopted, developers will have to be referred back to the Local Plan planning policies. Julie noted that the number of applications within the authority has dropped recently and once confirmation of acceptance is received it will change the nature of the way the application is reviewed.

With regards to the large planning applications within Linton: The Horseheath Road applications S/1969/15/OL and S/2553/16/OL are due to be heard by a public inquiry on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018. There has also recently been a meeting between the Diocese of Ely and SCDC for pre application advice regarding a third application for the same site which is expected shortly. Julie did advise that in the third application it does appear that they have addressed most of the key points that were reasons for the objections on the previous applications. Julie also advised that the developers do not ideally wish to go to appeal and are hoping that if the third application is approved they can withdraw from the appeals.

The Balsham Road application S/2650/17/OL is still awaiting a hearing date at SCDC, at this point Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) Highways have objected however it is looking very unlikely that this will be referred to the full SCDC Planning Committee which means it will likely be decided under delegated powers by the case officer at SCDC.

The Back Road application S/0096/17/OL is going to appeal via

a public inquiry in January and Julie advised that SCDC are still reviewing the responses for the Statement of Common Ground in preparation for the appeal. Julie also noted that SCDC were happy to work closely with LPC on the appeals now that LPC had gained the Rule 6 Status to ensure that both authorities are supporting each other and their case as much as possible. Julie confirmed that the agricultural land on Back Road had been given a grade three status.

The council were also informed of the structure of the hearing and how Rule 6 Status could benefit LPC in their representation of the village and advised of the possible financial implications and risks - all of which were very unlikely but that LPC must be aware of. Ms Ayre was thanked by the chairman.

Request from the planning committee to have delegated power to contact and employ independent specialists and consultants to present and testify at the public inquiry and hearing with the Planning Inspectorate for the Horseheath Road and Back Road planning applications: Fees for this to be taken from the consultancy budget code but not exceeding that of £5000.00 in total. This would be pre agreed and remove the requirement for this to be brought back to council subsequently. Proposed by Cllr Manley, seconded by Cllr Negus. Agreed.

**Presentation:** Mr Steven Munday, Chair and Treasurer of the Beacon Youth Trust advised that the trust is fundamentally for the community of Linton with a focus upon youth and although the group has religious ties with the Christian faith, the religious element is a second level of the fundamental focus. The Beacon Youth Trust provides many services such as youth clubs, drop in services and the employment of the youth worker which relies on volunteers and support with funding for many of its services.

Mr Munday advised that they do receive funding from several other sources but took the opportunity to thank the council for their financial support which was provided through the S137 grant for the financial year 2017/2018. Steven advised that the trustees continue to monitor work and hold an accountability role for the group and that the trustees were incredibly pleased with the success and positive impact of the programme.

Mr Lee Nash, Youth Worker from the Beacon Youth Trust advised that in the 12 month period that he has been employed with the trust he has come into contact with approximately 200 young adults via schools, social media, youth groups and evening and afterschool meetings. Weekly activities such as the youth football, red zone, youth club and youth drop-in have proven successful as well as additional trips which have also attracted a wide demographic when it comes to age, gender and social circles. The team consists of 17 members, 15 of which are residents of the village which is helping to build positive relationships with key parents.

The aim of the Beacon Youth Trust is to encourage, challenge and support the youth to develop in character by introducing team building activities in a safe and welcoming environment to help raise young leaders and create a sense of ownership amongst children. The next aim is to get computers and internet in the Linton Action for Youth building on the recreation ground which the parish council has advised they will review to see if they can aid in this.

Mr Munday and Mr Nash were both thanked.

**Update on the external audit:** LPC received the feedback on the external audit by PKF Littlejohn and have been fully compliant with the law with no issues raised. The clerk was reminded that the audit information needs to be displayed on the website through the consultation, even prior to the audit result, and was thanked for her hard work and the success of her first audit since her employment with LPC.

**BENCH community payback scheme report:** To consider the proposal that LPC should request that BENCH pay for the replacement Hawthorn bush and the trellis that had to be purchased due to damage to residents boundaries. The clerk updated council and advised that she would recommend that LPC cover the costs instead of requesting this of BENCH. This was proposed by Cllr E Bald and seconded by Cllr Mannassi. Agreed.

**Calling all residents report:** The proposal to consider and

review projects from the report's 'possible jobs listing' to action going forward. The list was reviewed by council and each suggestion and request was worked through and reviewed. Council identified that many of the projects listed were not under the PC's jurisdiction and are designated in the following manner:

Three way traffic lights to be installed at the top of the High Street - CCC Highways.

Clearance of the cycle paths - CCC Highways.

Screening of the old van centre - this is private land and there is a planning application due to shortly be resubmitted for this site so this is out of the PC's jurisdiction.

Installation of a concrete path between Rivey Way and Paynes Meadow - CCC's Rights of Way department.

Removal of the steps at Rivey Way and the bridleway - CCC's Rights of Way department.

Relocation of the fire station and Co-op - although this would be idealistic it is not viable nor in the PC's control.

Bus changes - this is again out of the PC's remit and would be a CCC Highways focus.

Of the items that were listed that do fall under the parish council the below actions are being taken:

There is a current project focusing on the installation of benches around the village, LPC will also now review the addition of picnic benches to this project.

Litter bins - these were looking to be replaced by LPC as part of a project as many are dilapidated, when these are replaced LPC will review the option of recycling bins also being installed.

To set up community volunteer groups to manage areas such as Leadwell Meadows - these groups already exist as part of the PC's working groups. Clerk to advertise and ensure residents know they are welcome to volunteer and join these groups to assist and run projects.

To cut back the overgrowth onto the footpaths and passage ways - this is being reviewed and is looking to be actioned.

Clerk to update residents via social media and councillors running the projects for bins and benches to consider the new additional suggestions and review the option of incorporating these. The council thanked residents that had taken the time to contact the office with suggestions of how to improve the village.

**Traffic issues:** Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership (GCP) A1307 progress update: Noted.

A1307 City Deal update from the Haverhill Forum meeting: Most of the suggestions submitted on behalf of LPC had been taken on board however the GCP are still looking for suggestions and ideas of how to improve the timings and speed of the buses through the village, any ideas from councillors or residents are very welcome.

**The Connections Bus Project:** Summer holiday 2017 youth bus visit report: Noted.

**To consider the advice from Herts & Cambs Grounds Maintenance** - to spray the old Cemetery graves with weed killer twice a year to keep them tidy and prevent them looking unkempt through weed growth: Proposed by Cllr J Bald, seconded by Cllr Negus. Agreed.

**Consideration of correspondence received:** Resident regarding rats at Horn Lane bridge: Noted, clerk to respond to the resident.

Wicksteed Playgrounds equipment inspection report: Noted.

Open Spaces Society annual membership subscription renewal invitation at a cost of £45: Proposed by Cllr Negus, Cllr J Bald seconded. Agreed.

The National Allotment Society annual membership renewal request at a cost of £66: Proposed by Cllr Hammond, seconded by Cllr Negus. Agreed.

Resident regarding churchyard flint wall. Noted. Details to be passed to Cllr Dr Cox to contact going forward.

Resident regarding broken gates at the northwest corner of the Meadow recreation ground: Noted. Cllr Potter has since been and removed the broken Clapper Stile and any shards of wood that posed a risk.

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

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