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## The Linton News celebrates 30 years of publication

**W**OW! Can it really be 30 years since the launch of the Linton News? 30 years ago the Parish Council was asked to advance a loan to Ron Amsden to assist in the setting up of the Linton News. As Parish Council Chairman at the time, I recommended the loan, although some members of the Parish Council were against the proposal on the grounds that it would not succeed, and that it would be a waste of public money. How wrong they were! With the help of a dedicated band of volunteers the paper was produced. It is now an established feature of village life. But its survival has always depended on the volunteers who both produce the paper and distribute it. A mention must be made here of the incredible amount of work put in over the entire period by Graham Potter, who introduced the technologies to help make the paper what it is today, a very professional publication.

But how has the village changed in 30 years? At the twentieth anniversary I wrote that the village was losing many of its amenities, but in the last 10 years changes have occurred in the other direction. We now have a butcher, two greengrocers, a pharmacy, an electrical shop, a newsagent, a post office, a library, three pubs,



Dr Brian Cox  
Photo supplied by Brian

a Co-op, two bakers, several hairdressers, the Linton Kitchen, the Linton Tandoori, a Chinese takeaway, a dentist, a large health centre and many other retail outlets and facilities, not forgetting our excellent Zoo and the Spotted Giraffe (which is a children's play centre and not a unique animal in the Zoo).

So in respect of village amenities we are very fortunate. However, on the horizon looms the prospect of three property developments that will put the infrastructure under extreme pressure. The traffic problems, which are currently severe, will only increase and the sewage system is unlikely to cope with increased demand (at present Anglian Water teams appear in the village every other week to clear blockages). The Health Centre is over subscribed and our schools are at full capacity, and there seems to be no prospect of any major improvement in the A1307.

However, I am sure that the Linton News will continue to keep residents fully informed as to events and developments, and I offer my congratulations to the present team and their predecessors in producing an excellent publication. 40 years will be the next goal, and I am sure that the News will still be in existence to celebrate.

Dr Brian Cox

## 30 years of teams

PRIOR to the Linton News there was a paper called the Linton Tribune, which lasted from April 1974 to June 1975. Then in 1987 Ron Amsden and Joan Smith presented a feasibility study to the Parish Council for a monthly newspaper and the Linton News was born with the team of Ron Argent, Ron Amsden, Brian Milne, and Helen Krarup (see picture). Although Graham Potter is in the picture he says he volunteered shortly after.



Celebrating the first year, from Left : Ron Argent, Ron Amsden, Brian, Graham and Helen (see text)

Photo by Julian 1988

The Linton News was born with the aim of keeping people abreast of what was going on in the village especially publishing the village diary so that events could be advertised and clashes avoided. It turned out to be an historical, and often pictorial, record of the village. Floods, gales, concerts, school reports, meetings and picnics are all recorded.

Soon a *Country Diary* (by various authors) and an historical feature *The way we were* by Garth Collard appeared. Letters to the Editor in the early years concerned dog fouling, buses, parking and traffic especially on the A1307 and the High Street. (See P.6 - two buses trying to pass in the High street in the April 2004 issue).

The paper has many volunteers; feature writers, illustrators, photographers, reporters, editors, proof readers, production manager, advertising manager, technical support, delivery manager and deliverers. Among the long term members of the team are technical and production manager Graham Potter (nearly 30 years), Maureen Williams illustrator of the country diary (29 years), advertising manager Judith Rouse and former delivery manager Kate France (over 15 years). Darryl Nantais wrote the country diary for 13 years, Wendy Foster was editor for 10 years and Garth Collard was historian for 21 years. Our unsung heroes.

Graham tells us that in the early days the paper was produced on a daisy wheel printer and all the articles were cut into strips the size of the columns and pasted into place. Pictures had to go to the printer a week earlier than the paper as they all had to be changed into a dot format. If you check the picture of the editorial team above you can actually see all the dots. In the '90s Ron Amsden bought an Apple computer and we entered the digital age. We have moved on so that now we have an up-to-date desktop publishing system and seven computers, use the iCloud and upload the past issues onto the website, and the production is entirely in Linton including printing at Plumridges.

Amongst others Garth and Norman Dann helped with publishing booklets on the village and walks round the village. The team has helped get the directory of the village businesses and facilities on to the linton.info website.

In the future I see us using the internet and social media more in the production and dissemination of the Linton News and I hope the younger generation can be involved in this. However I don't see the hard copy disappearing just yet and I know how useful it is as an introduction to the village for new residents, as I was six years ago.

But without you, the correspondents who supply the information we put in the paper, Linton News would not exist – so do please carry on sending in articles and items for the diary.

Editor

## Linton village heroes

TWO Linton volunteers were singled out for recognition last month at the District Council's annual community awards evening held at South Cambridgeshire Hall.

Enid Bald and Andrew Clark were nominated in the category Village Hero.

Enid is well known to most in Linton for her years of service on the parish council, for which she gives up a great deal of her time to work on many aspects of village life.

She is also the enthusiastic champion of Activities and Care for the Elders (Linton ACEs), organising much appreciated lunches and outings for older members of the village.

Andrew Clark leads the Linton Fireworks team, putting in a huge amount of time and effort each year to bring us a safe and entertaining display. This highlight of the Linton calendar attracts enormous crowds and raises thousands of pounds for our local schools.

Andrew has also been a dedicated supporter of Linton Children's Book Festival since it began in 2006, and is currently its treasurer and a trustee. He serves the community in numerous other ways, including volunteering as a coach for the Aztecs football club.



Andrew with his award  
Photo by the event photographer



Enid Bald and other winners  
Photo by the event photographer

At the District Council ceremony he received the South Cambs Village Hero silver award.

In Linton we are lucky to have many volunteers whose dedication and hard work sustain and enhance life in our community. Andrew and Enid both go above and beyond for the village and it's great to see them formally recognized for all they contribute.

Anna McMahon

## Too good for jumble...

ON offer this month is a 2.5 litre unopened tin of Brilliant White Crown gloss paint and a brand new GPO cassette player recorder GPO162B with one-touch recorder button and built-in microphone. Still available are the whitewood bathroom cabinet with double mirror doors, 2 shelves (27in high x 22in wide x 10in deep) and the two computer desks – one a commercial desk 70cm high x 170cm at the wider end and 80 cm at the narrower end. The other is 80cm wide x 40cm deep on castors.

The preserving pan raised £5 for Granta Grapevine and the yoghurt maker raised £7.50 for St Mary's peace garden.

To buy any of the above or if you have an item to profit a charity, please contact Kate France on 891602 or email kfrance@profsoundconsult.com.

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

## Thank you to our local businesses for 30 years of support

THE Linton News is grateful for the continued support of our advertisers whose fees pay for the running and printing of our paper. The first edition in April 1987 consisted of four pages and 16 advertisers and today we have grown to eight pages and more than 60 advertisers.

Such is the popularity of the paper that we regularly get requests to place advertisements from businesses from far afield but space restrictions mean we only now accept new adverts if they are part of our delivery area, and even then they may have to go on a waiting list.

Some of our early advertisers have earned a much-needed retirement but we are still grateful to Kelvin School of Motoring and Julian's Photography both of whom have advertised with us for many years. Julian Edwards still helps out often at short notice by producing a photo for the paper free of charge.

One of our earliest advertisers known to many of you is Plumblin owner John Supcik. He first started advertising with us in March 1988 and with only a short break continues to do so to the present day.

He still retains a highly professional plumbing and heating service and will always attend if needed, something I can vouch for having used him on more than one occasion.

John likes to keep things in the family and is proud that his son Zack has now joined the family business. His wife Michelle is also involved as well as running and advertising her *Smart as Nails* service with us and his mother Julie also supported us through her *Hemline* business for many years. A truly entrepreneurial concern.

John has been reminiscing about his working life, he started working for Chris Drake at 17 whilst doing his City and Guilds. He remembers going to his house one evening to borrow his tools and then pushing them in a wheelbarrow up to Chilford Hall to plumb in a washing machine in one of the cottages. Job completed he was pushing the barrow back home when he was stopped by the police and asked what he was doing. Thankfully they accepted his explanation and he was free to continue pushing.

At 20 he started his own plumbing business. He is now 52 and still enjoys his job particularly since his 18-year old son joined him. He no longer pushes a wheel barrow but has a very smart van (see picture below).

John reflects that: "It is amazing how much the village has changed since I started. I remember a lot of real village characters that sadly are no longer with us, including good old Ron Amsden at Shepherds Hall where I used to go to pay for my advert and Ron Argent who jointly started this fantastic village paper.

Thank you to everyone involved in it today and thanks to everyone for your support over the years. It has been an honour to serve you."

Some other businesses that have been backing us for 25 years include Small Gifts, Benten and Co and The Crown Inn. We are also grateful for the initial support from Salon One, Tournants, New Linton Motors and Mackenzie and Haywards.

Some of these businesses have ceased or changed hands but can anyone remember Wee Mac the ice cream van man?  
Advertising manager



John and his son Zack with his nice new van

Picture by Michelle Supcik

## Introduction Day for voluntary groups, clubs and societies

THERE is still time to book your club a table for the Introduction Day being held in the Village Hall on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

To cover hall fees etc. each organisation will be asked to pay £5 in order to participate.

Unfortunately, there was an error in the contact email address at the end of the March article so if you have already sent a message but not received a reply, or if you are still to make contact to book a place, please contact me at: lgsecretary@yahoo.co.uk by 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Jim Forrest



# Sport at the Heights

OVER the last 15 months, Linton Heights Junior School has really put itself on the sports map within South Cambridgeshire. This academic year, we are very proud to announce that the school has been awarded the Sainsbury's School Games Gold award – one of the only six schools in Cambridgeshire to be awarded this prestigious accolade. This merit is recognition of the sporting success we have had in the last year and the sporting opportunities which we currently offer our pupils.

In December our cross-country team competed at South Cambs Cross Country Championships at Wimpole Hall and we are very pleased to announce that LHJS came first overall. We are so proud of all the runners who have trained so diligently and who utterly deserved to win. The write up in Cambridge Evening News read *Linton scales the Heights in victory*.

We have also competed at other South Cambridgeshire events such as Tag Rugby (third place), High fives Netball (first place) Football (third place) and as well as these we have competed in the cluster events with Netball A and B teams both runners up and our Football A team runners up and B team winners.

Not only are more children attending sports and other clubs than ever before, but also the standard of pupil performance is at an all-time high and continues to improve.

The diligence and commitment of pupils and staff are to be praised. However it is the inspiration, skill and dedication offered by our sports leader, Mr. Dan Penfold that has allowed our pupils to excel. Here's to a successful 2017!

Apology - Thank you to Millie Docking who was author of the *Children of the World* article in the January edition. James Puxley, Headteacher

## Heights Jumble Sale

LINTON Heights Junior School are holding their first Car Boot Sale from 11am – 1pm on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May in the field. Pitch fee is £5 per car, £1 entry for adults, free entry for children. Entry via Dolphin Close. Sellers can arrive from 10am.

Refreshments will be available and all funds raised will go towards the purchase of new whiteboards for the school.

Pitches are bookable in advance – please contact the office at Linton Heights Junior School for more information. Office@lintonheights.cambs.sch.uk. Please come along and support our school.

Siobhan Judge, 07747 631 492  
For the Heights fundraising committee

## LVC Adult Community Learning Courses

### Summer Term 2017

ALL courses start the week beginning Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017

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- Upholstery – Tuesdays 7.30 – 9.30pm for 10 weeks
- Word Processing – Tuesdays 7 – 9pm for 10 weeks
- Silver Jewellery – Improvers – Tuesdays 6.45 – 9pm for 10 weeks
- French for Beginners – Wednesdays 7 – 9pm for 10 weeks
- Pottery – Wednesdays 7 – 9pm for 10 weeks
- Caking Decorating – Wednesdays 7 – 9pm for 10 weeks
- Floristry – Beginners/Improvers – Wednesdays 2 – 4pm for 5 weeks
- Mindfulness – Wednesdays 7 – 9pm for 10 weeks
- Tai Chi Beginners – Thursdays 7 – 8.30pm for 10 weeks
- Tai Chi Improvers – Thursdays 7 – 9pm for 10 weeks

For an enrolment form, prices and further details, please contact: Adult.education@lvc.org, 891233 ext 303

Note: 20% discount to all members of LVC staff  
Margaret Kiddy



# Summer Term approaches

WHEN this issue is published, Chestnut Playgroup will have finished for the Easter holidays. It has been a busy term, looking at different cultures around the world and learning about celebrations, both at home and in other countries. The children have produced some fantastic artwork which can be seen on display at the Cathodeon Centre.

In the summer term attention turns to our outside area. Our garden is a wonderful space, not only for us but for community use at weekends. We are grateful to have received funding from the Co-op which we will be using to enhance our outdoor area. We often spend a lot of our summer term sessions outside and will be working hard to install new planting areas and lots of exciting things for the children to use. If you have any expertise or donations to share we would love to hear from you. We will be raising further funds for the garden at our Jumble Sale on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April from 1pm to 3pm in the Village Hall.

The summer term is also a valuable time for preparing our preschool children for their transition to school. We will be practicing skills they will need for school as well as meeting their new teachers and experiencing a glimpse of school life.

We are open five days a week and have spaces on all days. Please contact our Administrator for details or to arrange a visit. admin@chestnutplaygroup.org.uk. 07342 900120.

Wendy Hine  
on behalf of Chestnut Playgroup

## Adult Education Sawston Village College

IT is time for us to get busy with our brochure for next year. We are keen to ensure that our courses appeal to all of the local community. Every year we try to find something new. If you have the experience and the knowledge to teach a new subject here at the college, we would love to hear from you.

If you plan to go on a Spanish-speaking holiday destination then we have a perfect course for you this summer. Starting on 25<sup>th</sup> April for five weeks, we have Snappy Holiday Spanish. Learn the lingo you need for your holiday with Spanish tutor Amanda Corkill who will give you all the vocabulary and practice you need.

If you want to find something interesting to do either alone or with a group of friends why not try our Saturday workshops? Our next workshop date will be 17<sup>th</sup> June and includes:

- Discover more about Cambridge 9.30am – 12.30pm
- First Aid – Paediatric (certificated) 9am – 5pm and 24<sup>th</sup> June
- Floral Heart Wall Hanger 10am – 1pm
- Patchwork and Quilting – Make a Bag 10am – 4pm

To find out prices and make bookings, you will find a booking form on our website <http://sawstonadulted.org/>, or please feel free to contact us by phone or email. The Adult Learning team are available Monday to Friday 9am – 1pm. Our contact details are 712424 or email [community@sawstonvc.org](mailto:community@sawstonvc.org)

Amanda Hoskins  
The Adult Education Department

## Linton Flower Festival

THIS year's Flower Festival will be held at St Mary's from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July. The theme for this year is *Characters from the Bible*.

We are keen to encourage budding arrangers as well as those with more experience, so whether you would like to create an arrangement of your own, or as part of a group or society, you can contact me on 891111 or by email at [nanette1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nanette1@hotmail.co.uk).

If arranging is not your thing, perhaps you might consider sponsoring the event by making a donation.

More news of times and further details of entertainment will appear in later editions of the Linton News.

Nanette Blackmore,  
Flower Festival Co-ordinator



# News from the Infant School

HAPPY Easter to you all from the staff and children at Linton CE Infant 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 library launch was very successful, with visiting author Isabel Thomas spending the afternoon with us before officially cutting the ribbon. Did you see our picture in the Cambridge News? This kicked off a whole week of after school activities, which included designing and then eating pancakes, trying silly sports and making music. The week ended with children (and parents) returning to school on Friday evening in their pyjamas to enjoy hot chocolate and bedtime stories.

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 to see how the new equipment is used. The day was extremely productive with many areas of the School Development Plan discussed and evidence seen.

Eyes now turn to September 2017. Over the summer term we invite the children due to start with us in for stories and play to help with the transition from pre-school to school.

We will also see our year two pupils visit Linton Heights Junior School as they start to prepare for the next stage of their education.

We are currently collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers so please collect them for us. These vouchers really do make a difference to the equipment we are able to offer to the children.

Kelly Harries  
Headteacher



## More cello favourites

FOLLOWING the success of the recent concert given by Cellophony, their leader, John Myerscough, returns to Linton with cello favourites accompanied by pianist Alasdair Beatson.

Both artists are widely regarded as being amongst the most established and finest chamber musicians in this country. Their programme includes Schubert's much admired *Arpeggione Sonata*.



John Myerscough

Picture supplied by Linda Bird



Alistair Beatson  
Picture by  
Georgia Bertazzi

To hear them, please come at 7.30pm on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Linton Village College.

Tickets are available on the door, via [lintonmusic.org.uk](http://lintonmusic.org.uk) or from Sweet Talk News, 77 High Street, 893480 and cost £12 for adults, £10 concessions, £2 for students to age 21 and £25 for a family ticket (2 adults and two children).

Linda Bird

## Balsham Bowls Club

BALSHAM Bowls Club would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone interested in playing bowls. Our club night is on Monday evenings from the end of April to early September. The club is thriving, playing in three leagues.

Bowls is a very friendly and sociable game but it also does have a competitive element to it. Tuition will be given and we have shoes and woods for beginners to try the game. If you are interested please contact me for any further information.

John Robinson Club Secretary  
[johnrobinson1941@gmail.com](mailto:johnrobinson1941@gmail.com) or 893895.

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## OUR THANKS

The family of the late Sue Eagle would like to thank all those who attended the funeral and who sent flowers and cards.

## Great Ormond Street Hospital

**theWI** DAVID Rose, our speaker, has undergone some 70 operations at the hospital and consequently has become an ambassador and fundraiser.

**INSPIRING WOMEN** Charles West opened the hospital in 1852 because of the high levels of infant mortality, and in the first year the number of beds rose from 10 to 30.

Charles Dickens published an article, Queen Victoria donated £100 and gave it respectability. Later J.M. Barrie, famously gave the copyright of Peter Pan.

Catherine Ward, the lady superintendent, laid the foundation for modern paediatric nursing. The hospital's motto is *The child first and always*. There are 63 separate paediatric fields and last year 283,000 patient visits were made from all over the world.

The hospital is a centre for the 7,000 rare diseases in the world, 75% of which affect children and many will die before their fifth birthday. Because of the hospital's pioneering work, leukemia survival rates have improved dramatically.

Modern medical equipment and the day to day running of the hospital is largely still provided by the charity: NHS funding is not nearly enough. The majority of donors are women.

There will be no speaker at our 4<sup>th</sup> April meeting which will be our annual meeting when we review the events of the past year and elect a new committee and officials.

Sally Proberts

## Calling all local musicians

THE Linton Midsummer Musical Picnic returns in June, organized by Linton Youth Music and this year is presented as a "Great Get Together".

It will take place from 1-6pm on on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June on Camping Close. Musicians include LVC Symphonic Wind Band, Linton Jazz, school and community choirs and Cambridge based carnival rhythm band Arco Iris.

If you sing or play an instrument and would like to participate, or if you can volunteer to help with the event, please contact lintonyouthmusic@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your support.

Anna McMahon



## Plugging glorious Annuals

THE subject for the Garden Club's March meeting was Annuals and our speaker was Peter Jackson from Scotsdales.

Peter brought along a selection of pots, plug plants and seeds to show us to explain the growing process. We then viewed slides showing a plant breeding centre in Sussex where they grow thousands of plants every year. The seeds and the plants produced are tested, recorded and root growth inspected by hand. Tissue from parent plants is also taken.

We viewed an automated seed sowing machine which sows thousands of seeds every day, from a single seed to varied numbers in each module. We then watched more slides of a variety of annuals in all their glorious colours with Peter explaining which plants grow best in warm, cool or dry areas. Bee and insect friendly plants were recommended.

Peter pointed out that it was enjoyable and more productive to grow your own plants from seed. Advice was given regarding compost and seed trays with drainage holes.

An interesting and inspiring talk and enjoyable evening. We have our plant sale in May so please if you have any spare plants perhaps you would consider donating them. They would be most welcome and help us to fund the Village Show.

For our 11<sup>th</sup> April meeting we will have a talk by Karen Kenny on Organic Composting – Worms and Comfrey for Fertility. Visitors welcome, we meet at the village hall at 7.30pm.

Anita Daws 892113, gcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk

## Holy Week and Easter at St Mary's

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April (Palm Sunday)**

- 8am Holy Communion
- 10am All Age Eucharist
- 6pm Stations of the Cross

**From Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

Linda Richardson's paintings, *Eight Faces of Jesus* will be on display in the Resurrection Chapel, with poems by Malcolm Guite. Do visit for a time of reflection, or join us on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings at 7.30pm for Evening Prayer and Meditation on one of the pictures.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

- 6.30pm Bring and share supper and worship in the Pavilion

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April (Maundy Thursday)**

- 7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper with Foot washing
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April (Good Friday)**
- 10 – 11.30am – Children's Good Friday activities in the Church Pavilion (including making Easter Garden), followed by drinks and hot cross buns
  - 12 noon Liturgy of the Cross

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Day)**

- starts with a choice of three activities
- 7.45am – Walk up Rivey Hill from Telephone Exchange for Ecumenical Service, followed by breakfast at Free Church
- 8am – Holy Communion in St Mary's
- 8am at All Saints', Castle Camps, Service of Light, followed by breakfast
- 10am – All Age Eucharist at St Mary's followed by Easter Egg hunt.

Please come and join us.

Maggie Guite (Rector)

## Linton Free Church (URC) Easter Services

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April, Good Friday Service, 10.30am URC  
 Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April, Son Rise Service and Walk, 7.45am as above  
 Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Sunday Family Service, 10.30am URC  
 Linda Pearson, secretary, 892197

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

### 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 playgrp, 9am-12noon Monday-Friday LVC  
 Linton Granta Toddler grp, 9.30-11.30 Tuesdays term time LVC  
 Linton Granta playgrp, 12.30-2.30pm Mon-Fri, NOT Tues LVC  
 Storytime, 2-2.30pm Tuesdays, term-time Library  
 Granta Bridge club, 2pm Tuesdays VH  
 Granta duplicate bridge club, 2-4pm Tuesdays VH  
 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 25s, Thursdays 10-11.30am, CC  
 New Beginnings (with Baby Sensory), 1.15-2.45pm, Thursdays CC  
 Computer buddies, 2-4pm, Thursdays Library  
 Cricket club, 6-8pm, Thursdays RG, LVC  
 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  
 St Mary's Bridgeclub, 7pm, Fridays CC  
 For sports centre courses please call LVC sports centre on 890248

### APRIL 2017

1 Farmers' Market, 9am – 12noon VH  
 2 Concert Flanders and Swan, 3pm St Mary's  
 3 Camera Club, 7pm VH  
 4 **WI AGM, 7.30pm** VH  
 5 Reading group, 8pm VH upstairs  
 6 Luncheon Club, 12 noon Old Red Lion  
 10 Whist Drive, 7.30pm VH  
 11 VIP Group, 2pm Chalklands  
 11 Gardening club, 7.30pm VH  
 12 Community navigator, 10am to 12noon HC  
 13 **ACEs lunch and speaker, 12.30 sports pavilion** RG  
 15 **LMS Concert, 7.30pm** LVC  
 16 **No Walking group,** No walking Group as Easter  
 16 Messy Church, 2.30pm St Mary's  
 18 **Historical Society, 7.30pm** VH  
 19 Cambs Hearing Help, 9.30am to 12noon HC  
 16 Linton Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm CC  
 17 Daylight readers, 10.30am Library  
 22 **Jumble sale, 1-3pm** VH  
 29 **Talk at St Botolph's, 7.30pm** Hadstock  
 30 **Bartlow Walk, 9.30am** Hills farm Bartlow  
**MAY 2017** LVC

1 Camera Club, 7pm VH  
 2 WI, 7.30pm VH  
 3 Reading group, 8pm VH upstairs  
 6 Luncheon Club, 12 noon Old Red Lion  
 6 Farmers' Market, 9am – 12 noon VH  
 8 Whist Drive, 7.30pm VH  
 9 VIP group, 2pm Chalklands  
 13 **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.  
**Library times:** Mon closed; Tue 10am-5pm; Wed 4pm-7pm; Thurs 2pm-5pm; Fri 10am-5pm; Sat 10am-1pm.

### New Bin Collection Dates

Linton refuse collection: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April  
 Linton blue and green bin collection: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April

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# Spring at Wandlebury

EASTER at Wandlebury with Cambridge Past, Present & Future (CambridgePPF). Booking is essential and charges are made for all but the Healthy Walking. For more information on any of the events email bookings@cambridgeppf.org, call 01223 243830 extension 207 or visit www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on

## Vital Spark Theatre workshops

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 10am - 10.45am and 11am - 11.45am**  
PRESCHOOL adventure for accompanied children aged two to five years.

## Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 12pm - 3pm

FOR unaccompanied children of primary school ages. Create a site-specific environmental performance using drama, physical theatre, nature and imagination. For more information and booking, visit www.vitalsparktheatre.org or email Katherine@vitalsparktheatre.org

## Healthy Walking

### Every Thursday from 10am or 10.30am - 11am

JOIN our healthy walkers for one of our 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. The walks end at around 11am with tea and coffee in the Stable Rooms. Free of charge and no need to book, but please arrive 10 minutes early to register if it's your first time.

## Beginners Orienteering

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April from 11am to 1pm.

THIS is for accompanied children aged four to eight. Charges apply but equipment supplied.

## Bushcraft at Wandlebury

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April from 10am to 4pm

THIS is for unaccompanied children aged eight-12 years. It teaches all the bushcraft skills they will need: building shelters, various fire-making skills and cooking over them, tracking and whittling. Bring a packed lunch to eat around a camp fire. Dress for being outdoors and according to the weather. Meet at the Wandlebury Stable Rooms.

## Family Easter Fun Day

### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April from 11am to 1pm or 2pm to 4pm

FOR children aged five and over. Children must remain accompanied throughout. Have fun with indoor crafts using natural materials, then head off outdoors on the hunt for clues around Wandlebury Park. You might find something sweet at the end. Meet at the Wandlebury Stable Rooms.

Lorna Gough

# Linton ACE Memories of a family

WE have started our events for the year, which will include two coach trips, a garden party and lunches. The events are intended for older people but, for official purposes, that appears to be those over 55 despite now being expected to work until well past 65.

At our lunch on 9<sup>th</sup> March the Rev Richard Spencer, Team Vicar at Ashdon, spoke of the life of his great grandmother. Sarah had no help in the house, despite being constantly busy caring for her 17 children, yet still found time to help others. She was also a preacher at the local chapel in Acton - a calling that came down the generations to Richard, who also took up the Ministry. Another family occupation was engineering - Sarah's husband was a blacksmith, and his descendants included many engineers. Richard had been a computer engineer before his vocation as a vicar, and one of his ancestors had invented a nifty water saving device for gents' urinals - one is, apparently, in use in the Pavilion, although I refrained from verifying this.

Next we have the popular historian Mike Petty, a regular columnist in Cambridge News, speaking on Dickens' Cambridgeshire Scrapbook. Please gather for 12.30pm on 13<sup>th</sup> April at the Sports Pavilion on the Recreation Ground - lifts available, or park at the Village College. Ploughman's Lunch will be served.

Enid Bald 891069

# Linton and District Historical Society

ANDREW Westwood Bate began his February talk on submarines by comparing fictional life on board with reality, where the bravado of youth is needed to survive the hardships.

Leonardo Da Vinci produced plans for a ship to sink other ships but a German, Peggel, built the first submersible in 1605. Around 1620, Drebbel's submarine, powered by rowers, appeared in the Thames.

Peter the Great of Russia recognised the military potential, commissioning a submarine with firing tubes in 1720. The American Turtle attempted, in 1776, to break the British blockade of New York harbour but failed to attach a mine to a ship's hull.

The French Nautilus had a sail for surface use. Later submarines used compressed air or coal-fired steam power. In the 1890s large batteries

made electric motors possible, followed by diesel power.

By 1914 the Royal Navy had the largest fleet of submarines, but the German U-boats were formidable foes. During WWII, snorkels allowed longer submersion and submarines became better soundproofed.

The 1960s saw nuclear powered submarines, with ballistic missiles. Long underwater journeys became possible, limited only by supplies and morale.

Andrew finally described how he and others were recruited from school to satisfy the increasing need for nuclear engineers.

Our next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April in the Village Hall, Coles Lane. The talk will be Maps and Surveys by Liz Carter and we look forward to seeing you there.

Pat Faircloth, 893928

# The Anderson Trust

THE Anderson Trust was established in 1998 as a result of the sale of Church Cottage in Linton, the former home of Professor Charles and Mrs Mary Anderson. According to the terms of the Trust Deed the purpose of the Trust is to promote the Christian religion in and from the Parish of St Mary's, Linton; to sustain the Church of St Mary's and worship therein; to promote education for the benefit of those living in or resorting to Linton, particularly for the benefit of the Church School and of religious teaching in Linton and for any other charitable purpose for the benefit of those living in or resorting to Linton.

At their meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>, the Trustees approved the 2017 distribution of £10,608 interest, received from investments, to the following applicants:

- £5,000 to the Beacon Youth Trust towards the salary and on-costs of a Youth Worker
- £2,358 to St Mary's Church towards the development of Godly Play and the Peace Garden
- £1500 to Linton Infant School for IT curriculum support
- £400 to Linton Infant School PTFA for library books
- £500 to Linton Heights Junior School towards the purchase of new chairs
- £300 to Chestnut Playgroup for speech and language resources
- £250 to Chilford Hundred Education Trust towards the creation of a ceramic mosaic,
- £150 to Linton Jazz for sheet music
- £150 to Ivor Crooks towards the costs of a residential music course

Gillian Powell, Chair of Trustees, 893664

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# BARTLOW 3 counties CHARITY WALK



SPRING is here. Why not join us on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April for the 2017 Bartlow Walk? Exercise and fun for yourself, your family and friends, and your dog, walking across beautiful countryside and learning some history of the local area all in aid of the following three local charities.

Addenbrookes *Dancing for Health*, a wonderful charity funding professional dancers who offer dance activities to patients, stimulating movement to music. Linton Health Centre, our own local, vital hub for all health needs and beautiful Bartlow Church restoration fund.

There is a good choice of walk routes, well signed and suitable for all levels of walkers. Free toilets and refreshments are available on the longer walks, for dogs and people.

We have a fun one-mile history route for young and old, or choose between a six, nine, or 13 mile route if you are feeling energetic. It is a great achievement to collect your certificate for completing the 13 mile, three counties route.

There will also be lots of fun in the farmyard, with a fantastic new tractor bouncy castle, Linton Jazz, hot food and face painting. The walk starts at 10am at Hills Farm, Bartlow (CB21 4PW).

Registration for the main walks is from 9.30am to 11.30am and for the Junior Nature Trail 10.00am to 2pm.

All further information and ticket sales are on the web site; www.bartlow3countieswalk.co.uk

- It is cheaper to buy tickets online, in advance, than on the day.
- Online prices: Family price reduced from last year.
- Family ticket, two adults and up to three children, £25
- Adult ticket £12
- Child £5 (12 and under) under three goes free.
- On the day prices:
- Family Ticket £30 (two adults and up to three children)
- Adult £15
- Child £5 (12 and under) under three goes free.

Duncan Ogilvy, walk co-ordinator, 893644

## PLODDING ALONG An update on police matters

ON Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March a van parked in the grounds of Linton Village College was broken into sometime between 7.15pm and 10.20pm. Power tools and other tools were stolen from within.

A wheelbarrow was stolen from a garden in Bartlow Road sometime between Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

On the night of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March a van was broken into in Cambridge Road. It is unknown at present what was stolen.

Chris Wiseman, Sawston police station

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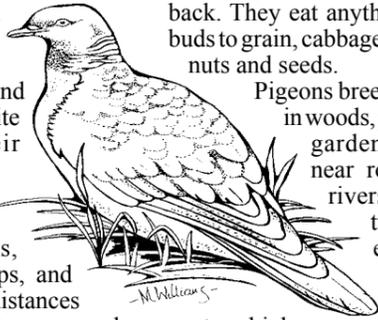
### Woodpigeons

LOVE them or hate them, it is the time of year when pigeons sidle up to each other on the roof and in trees. There is a flurry and the female flies off. Then they are back billing and cooing, and the male is bowing and scraping. Then sidling up again. I can't help smiling at them, but the same cannot be said for the other member of the household.

They make a mess everywhere, and in a desperate attempt to get at the bird feeders, flap madly and upset everything. The humble woodpigeon is just doing its thing, but so are between two and five million other 'woodies', depending on which report you read.

They are increasingly bold and tame in towns and gardens, and easily distinguished from feral pigeons and doves by the white patch on their neck.

Wood-pigeons are often in flocks, decimating crops, and travelling long distances high in the sky. Farmers employ people solely to keep them off the crops with ever increasing ingenuity but no lasting success. If you drive between Hadstock and Bartlow, toot your horn and watch them all



fly off the field, sure in the knowledge that they will be back. They eat anything from buds to grain, cabbages, leaves, nuts and seeds.

Pigeons breed in trees in woods, parks and gardens, often near roads and rivers, laying two white eggs in a simple stick nest, which hatch after 17 to 19 days. Males are aggressive during the breeding season, jumping and flapping wings at each other. Their nests are vulnerable to attack, particularly by crows, more so

early in the year when the leaf cover is not fully formed. They feed their young on crop milk, a fatty substance not dissimilar to mammalian milk. Very few birds produce crop milk, which makes them all the more amazing. Most live only for three years, but the all time record is 17 years.

Recent changes in farming appear to have benefited the woodpigeon and the population has increased in many areas, especially East Anglia. This may well be the result of the change from spring sown to autumn sown grain and the introduction of oil seed rape.

For the foreseeable, we just have to live with them.

### Sawston Fun Run

SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> May is the big day when we hope to raise lots of money for Arthur Rank Hospice and many local youth organisations including purchasing educational toys for Chestnut Playgroup, Linton.

Registration is now open – join this unique community celebration and enter for either the traditional Long Route (7.4k, 4.7 miles) or the Short Route (4k, 2.5 miles).

Enter via the website.

Your running days over? Share the atmosphere and excitement by entering as a walker.

Pre-school children. We have set up a new category this year. Parents can register pre-school children to accompany them free of charge.

Full information is on the website [www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk](http://www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk)

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### We will remember them

#### Private Owen Hill 28.04.17

OWEN was born in 1881, son of Lydia and stepson of Albert Whiffen, he lived in Water Hall Cottages with his seven brothers and sisters and he worked as a butcher. Owen had been serving in France since October 1915 as a member of the 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion Suffolk Regiment, but sadly on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 1917 during the Battle of Arras he was killed in action.

Owen is commemorated on the Arras Memorial, France.

#### Private Alfred Ruse 23.04.17

ALFRED was born in 1895, son of Richard and Martha. In 1911, he was living in Catley Park Cottages with his family and working as an agricultural labourer. Alfred married Florence Dockerill in July 1915, and they had a child, Alfred, in September 1916. Alfred was a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Suffolk Regiment, but sadly on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April during the Battle of Arras he was killed in action. Alfred is commemorated on the Arras Memorial, France.

[Esther@lintonatwar.org](mailto:Esther@lintonatwar.org)

### From Coffee House to Clarice Cliff

IS the title of a talk at 7.30pm on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April at St Botolph's Church, Hadstock given by Tim Turner, Auctioneer and Valuer. Tim will talk about his work with antiques and give a brief history of the Auction business.

Have you an item you are interested in? Bring it along.

Entry is £7.50 and refreshments will be available for a donation to Friends of St Botolph's.

All proceeds to the Friends of St Botolph's Church to help fundraising for the Church's £70,000 repair programme, in preparation for its millennium in 2020.

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Reverend, Paula Griffiths

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### LlamaDrama's next show

LLAMADrama's will be the panto, Cinderella, and we are looking for actors of all ages, but particularly adults.

Auditions will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April, this year, in the Meeting room of the

Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn, CB21 5BS.

Performances will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018, in the Townley Hall (part of the Fulbourn Centre), with matinee and evening performances on both of those days.

Main rehearsals start on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August. Any queries, contact me (the Producer) on 07720 816714 or [carole.ransom7@googlemail.com](mailto:carole.ransom7@googlemail.com)

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## POT POURRI 144

### What was the original cost?

HYPATIA came back from shopping having bought four items all in whole pounds (no pence). When asked how much each item was, she could not remember. However, she stated that if any two items were added together, the sums came to: 14, 22, 26, 28, 32, and 40 pounds. What did Hypatia spend on her purchases?

### Solution to 143 – The Tower of Linton

Linton tower to be seen from the North pole would have a height of 1714 km

Urania

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Linton Walking Group

THERE will be no Linton walking group in April as it is Easter. Pamela Phipps

### Quiz at Symonds House

WE are holding a quiz night at Symonds House on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April to raise funds for Marie Curie.

Doors open at 6pm for refreshments and the quiz will start at 6.30pm. Teams of a minimum of three people are charged at £10 per team. There will be a prize for the winning team

We are aiming for a good social evening with our residents and relatives, and would love to see anyone who is free and able to join us. Beer and wine will be available as well as nibbles... or tea, coffee, cold drinks according to people's choice!

Julie Cleland, Home Manager, 891237

### Hildersham Notes

#### Macmillan Mammoth Quiz

HILDERSHAM took part in this nationwide quiz on 24<sup>th</sup> February. The whole evening was great fun and raised a magnificent £476 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Many thanks to all who came along and made it such a fun event and congratulations to our local councillors who fielded the winning team from Linton.

#### Hildersham Village Hall

THE village hall exterior is having a bit of a facelift, with some of the old railings removed and others secured and repainted. Many thanks to Steve Wells for carrying this out. Work to repair and improve the entrance ramp is scheduled for later in the spring.

#### It's Teatime

EASTER Teatime is at 3.00 pm on 6<sup>th</sup> April at Hildersham Village Hall. Hot cross buns, Easter biscuits and chocolate cake.

Come and celebrate this joyous time of year. Everyone is welcome – all seven stages of man and woman.

Unfortunately, this will be the last time we hold this event. We have so much enjoyed the company of those who have walked across the fields from Linton and caught the bus back home, those who have braved the unexpected rise in the river surrounding the village hall, and those who have called in after school to eat cake and play in the play park. Thank you for coming.

#### Emmaus Collection 18<sup>th</sup> April

DO you have good but unwanted items hanging around the house or garage? Have a spring clean and bring them to the village hall for the biannual collection for Emmaus from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm at Hildersham Village Hall. This excellent charity will sell or up cycle them at the centre in Landbeach.

#### Hildersham Lecture 28<sup>th</sup> April

*LIFE under the ocean wave Part 2.* is at 7.30pm at Hildersham Church. Andrew Westwood-Bate will continue his illustrated account of life as a submariner in the Royal Navy. Tickets including refreshments: £5, U18s free.

[catherinemeyer43@btinternet.com](mailto:catherinemeyer43@btinternet.com) or 892848.

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# The Marsh mail



THE phenomenal performances of students at LVC outside of the regular school timetable in recent weeks has highlighted the importance of a wholesome and holistic education.

Enriching education and extra-curricular provision can too often be seen as the preserve of the privileged. Public schools boast rich co-curricular experiences while state schools can be tempted to narrow their curricular to focus on the three 'R's'.

Linton Village College has a proud tradition of rich, inclusive education. Watching a large cast and crew performing *The Sound of Music* to a professional standard confirmed the importance of delivering such a broad curriculum offer. In recent weeks, LVC students have also shone in sports tournaments and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) events.

These kinds of activities can easily be perceived as fringe opportunities. In some schools, the expense, time and energy required to deliver extended learning experiences can be seen as supernumerary.

Headteachers across the UK have publicly shared their concerns about insufficient school funding on social media with images of events such as sports fixtures, extra-curricular clubs and performances in response to the question: what would you cut?

When stretched with finite resources, it may be tempting to salami-slice provision belonging to schools by compromising aspects that don't feed directly into performance tables choosing instead to direct time, money and energy into areas that will influence league table positions.

At LVC we believe in the importance of an enriching educational offer and don't see academic and extra-curricular outcomes as competing factors. This ethos has been validated by a letter from MP Nick Gibb, Minister of State for School Standards, confirming that LVC's student progress sits in the top 5% of schools nationally.

Schools face great challenges at present in terms of recruiting and retaining great staff and having the financial means to do so. Amidst the pressure, our children deserve the very best opportunities to enable them to develop into creative, ambitious and confident young people. A broad, rich curriculum experience is key to achieving this.

Helena Marsh, Executive Principal

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**S/0607/17/DC, Mrs Rikke, 12 Brinkman Road.** Discharge of Condition 3 (details of design, height and siting of the proposed fence and the site of visibility splays) of planning permission S/2944/16/FL.

**S/0644/17/FL, Mr Peter Burberry, 20 Emsons Close.** Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

**S/0679/17/TC, Ms Enid Smith, 7 Symonds Lane.** Horse Chestnut tree-to remove dead, diseased & crossing branches. To shorten and thin branches overhanging road and interfering with cables. To balance tree and shape it, following thinning.

**S/0704/17/FL, John Wilson, 32 Mill Lane.** Convert the existing stable building into a single residential dwelling with associated parking and landscaping.

**S/0743/17/DC, Mr Dennis, Unit 2, The Grip Industrial Estate.** Discharge of condition 3 (operation and maintenance of arrestment plant and extract system for paint spraying) of planning permission S/3171/16/FL.

**S/0751/17/LB, Mr & Mrs M Jackson, Queens House, 16 High Street.** Remove concrete floor in entrance hall & cloakroom. Reinstall limecrete flooring, underfloor heating & tiled floor finish. Replace modern cloakroom window with purpose made timber window with leaded light slimlite double glazed unit. Reposition kitchen into presently used utility room blocking off cellar from this space. Reinstall existing kitchen as parlour, forming access to cellar stairs & locate washing machine in cellar with a Saniflo waste.

**S/0769/17/LB, Mrs Simon Duckett, 26 High Street.** Internal alterations, retiling roof & installation of 4 x rooflights.

**S/0833/17/TP, Mr Wilson, 5 Essex Gardens.** Lime trees located to the rear of 5,6 and 7 Essex Gardens, the trees stand on common ground to the rear of the properties. Pollard crowns by approx 50% in line with the pollarded Lime tree standing in the rear garden of 4 Essex Gardens, the trees are now exposed to high winds and overcrowd the gardens.

**S/0834/17/TP, Mr & Mrs Riley, 31 Parsonage Way.** Mature Beech - reduce by 2-2.5m. Interfering with garage roof and blocking light to several gardens.

**S/0865/17/TP, Mr & Mrs Sales, 38 Mill Lane.** Norway Maple - NMI - Reduce crown by 20% as before, to bring it away from property and reduce overshadowing.

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# 30 years of Linton - Part 1

LET'S take a trip down memory lane.

Way back in 1987 the Green Hill pub sat prominently at the top of the village. It had a perfect view of the High Street. We wonder if the people working in the offices now ever look out - we are sure they do. The pub was decorated in 1990 for the Queen Mother's 90th birthday but closed in 1997.



The Green Hill pub in 1990

At one time there were reportedly 14 drinking places in Linton. By 1987 this was down to six and now we only have three. The first in the High Street is The Crown with its popular accompanying restaurant.

Across the road we find the recently moved dentist and then the longest standing hairdresser, J&S Unisex Hair Salon.



Salon One 1989- now J&S

Journeying further down into the village we see that little has really changed. The houses are probably better maintained, with shining paintwork and more television aerials. The number of cars parked has definitely increased and drivers now have a huge problem wending their way along the road.

On the left just past Market Lane there used to be a large International Stores, originally Holltum's Department Store and Gateways.



International Stores June 1986

Opposite this, where the Linton Kitchen Coffee shop now operates, was Barclays Bank. This closed in 2000, having made the national press in



Barclays Bank May 1983

1989 when the cleaner was locked in the safe by robbers.



Studio2 and Lloyds Bank in 1990

Across the road was Lloyds Bank with limited opening hours later Shirley's Special Occasions. Now we make do with two ATM machines and the Post Office.



Coffee shop and bakery 1989

Just down from there is Boswells's bakery next to the Flower Boutique which is run by Leentje Van Den Ede, who moved a couple of years ago from near the Dog and Duck and with another hairdresser run by Jo Denny behind. Also here is Plumridges, the printers, who produce the Linton News for us each month.

The present butcher, Beaumonts, is a comparative newcomer to the village but Linton News reveals that in 1987 we had Prentices and Nordens and, later, Ron Jacobs whose shop is now the Darryl Nantais gallery.

For a long time the Post Office occupied 45 High Street before it moved to 5 Balsham Road in 1991, via a portakabin in the Health Centre car park. Now it's on the move again back to the High Street.

Years ago, the Paintin family next door were builders and have retained their flourishing undertaking business, a steady local employer.

They built Did-dell Court, (a family name), off Coles Lane. Our records show that Tour-nant's have been at 47 High Street all this time, a very handy shop for all electrical needs and, of course, a dropping off place for our computers when we have problems that can only be solved by the experts. Next door is the essential and very busy Linton Pharmacy.

What happened to the Salvation Army Hall we hear you ask?



Amy Hall July 1990

Well now it's a private home. The delightful row of cottages running down to the Dog & Duck have plied various trades over the years, including a butcher, florist, gift shop, building society, estate agent, driving school and legal office. Now we have an optician, an art gallery, a watchmaker, gift shop and a chiropodist. How things change.



Perry's Estate agents near the Dog and Duck 1986

The Dog and Duck, one of the three pubs left here, continues to delight with its summer hanging baskets and flower tubs. Diners can eat in the bar, the enlarged restaurant or the garden. How many times have you stopped to look over the bridge into the river below? Ever seen a brown trout? This bridge features in so many pictures of the village, mostly



The Dog and Duck

we are looking at the floodwater which we suffer from time to time.

Our next stop is Sweet Talk News, earlier Mr Backler's General Store and Delicatessen and then a model railway



The signal box in the 1980s

shop. Les Westlake took over the premises in 1983 and held a competition to name his new business, Sweet Talk News emerged as the winner, once supplying videos as well as papers and groceries. Les now runs a painting and decorating business and the shop is owned by Ajay Joseph who also runs the Post Office.

Now we come to the awkward Coles Lane corner and the often fought over right of way. There was no such problem until the one-way system was introduced in 2005. However, most people find the system an improvement, in spite of the many drivers who ignore the 20 mph limit or answer their mobile phones.

Who remembers this?



High Street March 2004

Our thanks to Garth Collard and Graham Potter for supplying the pictures for this article.

Watch out for Part 2 in next month's paper. LNT

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# Parish Council Matters

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## Linton schools are full say teachers, parents and councillors - but not developers!

ALL three Linton schools are oversubscribed and have waiting lists and in the case of Linton Heights Junior and Linton Infant around 96% of pupils and applicants are resident in Linton. Linton Village College is also oversubscribed with, as one would expect from an outstanding 'Trust' school on the borders of Essex and Suffolk, a lower proportion of Linton resident pupils - 75%. These are absolute facts and one would be entitled to conclude therefore that Linton schools were at capacity and unable to accommodate anymore pupils from the 250 or so new houses already approved or applied for in Linton. Especially as the accepted formula is that 100 new houses will mean an additional 25 secondary school places and 25-35 pre-secondary places. This it seems must surely mean that the developers/landowners, Gladman, Pembroke College and the Diocese of Ely should at the very least pay for the expansion of school facilities that their schemes are going to necessitate. This is done through what is known as S106 contributions for additional school places. These S106 financial contributions are assessed and applied by South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) and are subject to complex rules and regulations. They are based on a cash sum per proposed new dwelling to be paid by the developers to fund new classrooms or indeed sometimes whole new schools. But no - the planning dice are currently so firmly loaded in the favour of developers that, legitimately, they can use a variety of rules and appeals processes to escape from

their 'moral' obligations to pay S106. For instance SCDC and Linton parish council (LPC) are given very little time (just weeks) to come up with S106 proposals that are deliverable - and of course the developers can challenge these at all stages. Even in the case of Linton Infant School where there is simply nowhere to expand if a valid proposal cannot be made within the time frame then developers are entitled to press for development to proceed through an appeals process - the one thing SCDC are desperate to avoid as they simply do not have the resources to fight these and risk legal action by developers for delaying determination of their planning application. There are also other legal grounds for challenge such as the fact that Cambridgeshire county council (CCC) has a duty to provide a school place for each child but not necessarily in Linton. So developers can argue that instead children, even infants and juniors, can be 'taxied' to other schools (at your expense) with capacity outside Linton eg Balsham. It sounds incredible but this is true and is already happening in Linton. This is why it is vital residents continue to make their voices heard as they did at the recent public consultation on the current Back Road proposal. These are complex issues which were not well understood but LPC is now working hard with residents, schools and others to secure the best outcomes possible for families and children.

Cllr Paul Poulter, chairman of Linton parish council

## Annual meeting of the parish

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017

THE annual meeting of the parish is to take place at 7pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May in the village hall. The annual meeting of the parish is not a council meeting, it is a meeting of the parish electorate. The purpose of this meeting is for the parish council to communicate and explain its various involvements over the last year. It also enables the electors to have their say on anything which they consider is important to the people of Linton. The council will review its activities from the previous

12 months, and will also present its audited and unaudited accounts for the year.

Local groups who received a charitable grant from the parish council in 2016 will be invited, so that they can report on what they used the money for. Also invited will be the successful applicants who have been awarded grants in 2017, and their cheques will be presented at the meeting.

All are welcome, please come along - your attendance would be appreciated.

Parish council office

## Buy a memory plaque and make someone happy?

THE Leadwell Meadows is a big, wet area of land owned by all the village and maintained by the parish council. It is a length of wild scrubland that runs along the river valley where the Granta comes into the village under the A1307 near the Bartlow Road junction. The river is open to everyone and some local children take boats and canoes down to use the deep water for messing about. Children seem to be spending time away from the water they are building dens in the woods. wilderness area that to allow free access to the public. Many people have enjoyed walking and playing there in peace and dog walkers use it as part of their dog off lead exercise space. This is in addition to the vital role it plays in flood mediation for protecting the centre part of the village. Many people have fond feelings for the area and might like to contribute to its maintenance as well as leave a permanent mark of their love for the area.



Picture by Simon Hill

The new boundary fence at Leadwell Meadows is seen as a good thing, it stops dogs escaping onto the A1307; it marks the boundary of the village owned land and it just looks nice. The fence has some flat surfaces and I suggest that we might offer a service to the public which uses these bits of fence. I propose that we charge members of the public a small sum of money buy a plaque for their favourite person or pet who use the land; or in memory of someone who loved the peace and tranquillity of the public land but are now gone. I also propose that any money raised would be held solely to upgrade the facilities offered at the Leadwell Meadow. The money could be used for anything: from buying new batteries for a drone that has been donated for flood monitoring to building a hide for photographers and wildlife watching but the size of the plans depend on the sums we can generate.

If you consider that my ideas are good please let the parish clerk know (contact details in the box overleaf) and I will then put my proposals to full council for a decision to be made.

Cllr Beatrice Ward

## An appreciation of green space in Linton

I AM afraid that we have lost the rights to a green belt around our village. This has consequences for lots of different and important aspects of life in the village and perhaps the most difficult thing to argue against is the loss of soft natural green areas.

It is not fashionable to think about villages as cute little hamlets; but having nearby countryside and natural areas may be part of why the idea of life in a village is so popular, especially as a place for children. The space around the edge of the village might be just as important as things inside the village boundary. Our village of Linton is surrounded by green open space. It doesn't matter whether we think it is ugly or beautiful, it means more than that. As an example; the water tower is visible from miles away it is the thing we can see across the valley and it can be seen from almost everywhere in the village. The tower grabs our

attention and makes us raise our eyes even without our knowing it. Thinking about beauty is perhaps a bit of a red herring; the thing about the water tower is that it makes us look into the distance, and gives us a sense of perspective. The lines of the hill that softly rises below the tower have a restful influence too. The effects of the landscape are helped by the way the houses of the village are nestled in the bottom of the valley and the rooflines become less visible almost as if they were part of the valley floor.

It is hard to imagine a village without any sort of green open spaces. The green edge of Linton is mostly like other villages, made up of farmland and hedge; but in the river valley there are other special spaces where wild flowers and wild animals hide and thrive in secret boggy areas. Linton also has the unusual benefit of many different kinds of green space

inside the village, for example: sports pitches, orchards, and wild places. As Linton becomes built up by huge block developments; we are losing some of the features that make rural village life attractive and making our eyes drop to the pavement and so we walk around apologetically gazing down instead of up to the tree tops, sky lines and in the case of our village, the water tower.

Inside the village boundary we have big spacious areas that are mostly just trees and grass like the recreation ground, the village green, the cemetery, churchyard, Cathodeon Centre, Parsonage Way. We use them as landmarks in different areas of the village and they are the places where we can gather without thinking about permissions to use the land. So we can meet up for village events, meetings, picnics and just to play football or swing over the river on a rope or ride

around on bikes without having to excuse ourselves or beg to be allowed to use the space. To have a private garden of your own is lovely; but to have neutral public spaces, areas that no one person owns is excellent for us all and maybe goes some way to making us feel that we all belong in the village together as a community.

As we face the reality of huge numbers of buildings and hundreds of new residents we should maybe be thinking about shoring up our stocks of publicly owned land; some spaces need to be outside the village edge; they should be rough like the Leadwell Meadows and some smooth like the recreation ground; but the importance of these spaces is that they belong to us all; they are places where domestic building can never take place and maybe through them we can try to keep some sense of the rural idea that is part of the appeal of Linton.

Cllr Beatrice Ward

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# Councilminutescouncilminutescouncilminutescouncilminutes

ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton parish council (LPC/PC) meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

**Present:** Cllr Paul Poulter (chairman); Cllr Brian Manley (vice-chair); Cllr Enid Bald; Cllr Dr Brian Cox; Cllr Simon Hill, Cllr Graham Potter; Cllr Chris Hine; Cllr Dr Beatrice Ward; Cllr Merrie Mannassi. Clerk: Ms Kathryn Wiseman. District Cllrs Henry Batchelor and John Batchelor. Members of the public: two.

**Apologies for absence:** Cllrs David Champion; Amy Smith; Alison Walker. County Cllr Roger Hickford.

**Councillors' declarations of interest:** Cllrs Hill, Hine and Poulter declared a non-pecuniary interest in the matters arising on Section 106, Horseheath Road allotment land lease.

**Councillor vacancies:** Cllr Poulter advised that there are now three remaining vacancies. Following the public consultation there has been interest registered by three local residents which LPC are hopeful may become co-option applications.

**Open forum for public participation:** In relation to application S/0096/17/OL, for up to 95 new dwellings on agricultural land northeast of Back Road, a resident raised concerns that on the plans it appeared that there would be open reservoirs. It was expressed that these could not only pose a danger to children, but there is also a risk that should the water in the reservoirs become stagnant it could smell and pose a breeding ground for bacteria and mosquitos. It was also noted that many residents had raised concerns that the entrance of the proposed site location is not subject to conditioning.

**To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017:** Clerk to correct the minutes to show a date of the 20<sup>th</sup>, not the 23<sup>rd</sup>, for the City Deal meeting in the district cllrs' report. Proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Hill. Agreed.

**Matters arising (for information only):** The Clerk raised that following on from last meeting it had been confirmed that LPC can request some of the land for allotments for the proposed development site for Horseheath Road as part of the S106 agreement. However, South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) had advised that the chances this will be agreed to is slim. It was recommended that should the developer decline LPC's request to purchase the land through the S106, they should request a 999 year lease. If this is rejected the 99 year lease will be accepted. This was put to council. Agreed.

**Planning matters:** Update on planning application S/1969/15/OL, Horseheath Road, outline application for up to 50 houses and 30 allotments appeal (reference APP/W0530/W/16/3160756). The appeal to the planning inspectorate for the original Horseheath Road application is due to be heard on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

The following relate to planning application S/0096/17/OL, for up to 95 new dwellings on agricultural land northeast of Back Road: - Update from the agent meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017: This meeting was amiable and in some ways useful however the Gladman representatives who attended the meeting appeared somewhat cagey and provided very little information. There were a few bits of information that were relayed unintentionally, such as the land owner, however they were notably nervous, particularly on topics such as landscape settings and transport.

- Update from the public consultation event on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017: It was a very good turn out and well published event and there has been much positive feedback from residents. County Cllr Roger Hickford and District Cllrs Henry and John Batchelor were thanked for their participation at the event.

- Review of the planning committee recommendation: The planning committee recommendation is to object and to put this to full council at South Cambs. Proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Manley. One abstention. Agreed.

- To explore the option of employing an independent consultant to assist, the maximum fee agreed and additional cost incurred agreed: The chair of finance committee advised that there is no set budget line for consultancy fees as this had previously been taken from the general reserve. This means that finance are unable to provide a formal recommendation. It was expressed that up to £10,000 was agreed previously for the last time that a consultant

was used and there is still some left available. It was advised that the planning committee consults with CN Historic and commences the employment using the remaining budget, this can be reviewed should more be required. Proposed by Cllr Mannassi, seconded by Cllr Bald. All agreed.

**Finance:** The chair of finance committee advised that going forward, should the budget expectation for a project exceed £5,000 then this project shall be put to full council for authorisation.

Large sum projects should be set up as long term funds to ensure the finances are not swallowed back into general reserve at the end of the year if the project has not been completed.

Following submission of the precept the chair of finance advised that for 2017/2018 there will be a minor increase of 1.19% for council tax, which equates to £1.13 per house on a band D house increase.

**District and County Councillors' reports & business:** District Cllr Henry Batchelor advised that SCDC's reasons and supported arguments as to why they should not be put into special measures and have all decision making powers with regards to planning revoked, have now been submitted and SCDC are awaiting a response.

The number of lawful development certificates received recently by LPC has created concern, Cllr Batchelor advised this is directly related to SCDC attempting to catch up on planning applications. Cllr Batchelor advised there is a concern that by using the lawful development certificate there is a risk of applications being signed off without due consideration.

Cllr Henry Batchelor advised that the first Thursday in May is the election date for mayor and county councillors. The planning application S/0096/17/OL is expected, at this point in time, to be heard late March to early April this year.

**Personnel matters:** Update on clerk's pension: Cllr Mannassi advised that after reviewing the pension scheme it is the personnel committee recommendation to enrol the clerk in NEST based on qualitative earnings. Proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Hine. Agreed.

Review of the salary calculation for the clerk by LCPAS: It was recommended by personnel committee that upon the completion of the CiLCA qualification the clerk's salary would increase from pay scale 29 to pay scale 30 without further consideration. All agreed.

**Beacon Youth Trust:** Report from Lee Nash noted. The service level agreement has been found and this will be reviewed by finance. Finance to make a recommendation as to have a yearly or three yearly service agreement going forward.

**Proposed letter to landowners regarding riparian duties:** Agreed with the amendment of 'seeking co-operation' in the introduction.

**Cemetery tap nearest the main gate:** Tap should either have a meter installed or be removed from public use - it was proposed by Cllr Poulter and seconded by Cllr Cox that a meter be installed to allow continued use and access of water to both sides of the cemetery. This was discussed and put to a vote. Six in favour, two against, one abstention, vote passed. A meter shall be installed.

**Traffic matters:** A1307 Parishes Forum meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> January report: Cllr Bald proposed that she be a formal representative for LPC in her attendance. Agreed. Local villages have been contacted through the forum meets regarding the development and they are looking to raise comments. The H5 local plan was discussed with the aim that any development south of the A1307 should be commercial not residential.

**Resident's Coles Lane issues:** These issues have been raised before and are a police matter. Council advise that resident be referred to the police forum. LPC also stated that once a PCSO is in role this will be a priority focus, it will also be a focus for the PC to request highways widen road.

**High Street parking issues around the Co-op:** Cllr Poulter to contact and discuss these issues further with the resident.

**Cllr Bald's request to be formally listed as 'reserve tree warden':** Proposed by Cllr Mannassi, seconded by Cllr Cox. Agreed.

**Cllr Ward's report for a preliminary proposal of memorial plaques at Leadwell Meadows:** Cllr Ward to submit a full proposal should this be agreed. Put to a vote, eight in favour, and one against. Agreed.

**Consideration of correspondence received:** Wicksteed Playgrounds January play equipment inspection report: Recreation ground working group to lead review. Noted.

Village Hall trustees regarding parish council office rent increase and air conditioning decision: Asbestos report to be reviewed. Check if planning permission is needed as it is in a conservation area. It was also noted that LPC should notify neighbours within the immediate proximity. Third quotation to be obtained.

The Wildlife Trust's annual membership renewal: Agreed.

Cambridgeshire county council libraries funding request for the Linton Summer Reading Challenge: It was agreed that should there be a statutory spending power which will allow the council to support this then LPC will fund the event.

Campaign to Protect Rural England annual membership renewal: Proposed by Cllr Potter, seconded by Cllr Cox. All agreed.

Ricochet Ltd regarding a new BBC2 show 'The Repair Shop': More information required and if the Clapper Stile is an appropriate project for a show such as this. Agreed.

Friends of the Roman Road & Fleam Dyke request to increase annual membership renewal: An increased contribution of £30.00 was proposed by Cllr Bald, seconded by Cllr Cox. This was put to a vote with eight in favour and one against. Agreed.

Mrs Shambrook regarding village maintenance requests: Council advised that letters should be sent to the residents requesting that this work is addressed and if the resident chooses not to action this then it would be passed over to Cambridgeshire county council who will issue a court order at the cost of the resident.

Mrs Wright regarding the use of Leadwell Meadows by Heights Junior School pupils: Agreed.

UK Power Networks regarding helping vulnerable people within the community: Noted.

Linton Village cricket club relating to the meeting request by Firstport for 3<sup>rd</sup> March to discuss cricket ball issues: Noted. LPC attended the last meeting and found that the majority of residents were happy to have the cricket company at the recreation ground. The cricket club have insurance and the council is limited as to what it is able to contribute at this meeting. LPC would like to note that whilst they fully support the cricket club they will not be attending the meeting.

Cathodeon Centre trustees regarding Copperfield frontage and Cathodeon Centre grounds maintenance: These issues should now all be covered in the new grounds contracts with hedges and small areas. Clerk to confirm which hedge is referred to in the correspondence and respond.

Cambridgeshire county council regarding confirmation of legal order to divert part of footpaths 1, 2 and 5: Noted.

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

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