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remember the
third of November
on Camping Close
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diary on page 3

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Summer Reading Challenge

CONGRATULATIONS to all the children who took part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge at the library. We hope you had lots of fun reading through the long, hot holiday. Many thanks to Linton Parish Council for sponsoring this activity.

Don't forget, we have a special new reading challenge until the end of November, for both adults and families. Please ask at the desk for details of Library Book Bingo.

We will hold our next Engage session at 2pm on Monday 3rd December at Linton Library, when we look forward to an armchair tour of historic Cambridge, led by experienced tour guide Min Dinning.

Please book free tickets in advance at the

library or call 03450 455225. Donations for refreshments are appreciated.

Thank you to Ron and Daisy Ragsdale and Norma Alderson who kindly provided activities (online research, drawing and spinning) for our recent Fun Palace event.

We would love to organize more community events and activities at the library, but we need volunteers. If you'd be happy to help us out occasionally, please let us know.

We're happy to announce that the library now offers full-colour photocopying, both A4 and A3 – you can get details at the desk.

Anna McMahon,
Community Library Assistant
anna.mcmahon@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



Some of the 28 star readers who completed the challenge.

Photo supplied by library staff

Linton Children's Centre is still here

CHILDREN'S Centres have changed a lot in recent times with some closing. Linton Children's Centre is now an *Outreach* venue for groups. At the moment we are still relaunching ourselves as *Outreach*, and not many people know that we are still around in Linton.

Families may be interested to know about our groups that operate on Tuesdays at the Cathodeon Centre (beside the library).

We have *Stay and Play* from 10am to 11.30am for children aged nought to eight years at £2 per session and then from 1pm to 2.30pm we have *Bumps to Babies* which is suitable from pregnancy until baby turns a year old. This group is free.

If families are not registered with us please do feel free to go onto the Cambridgeshire County Council website and register online. This way you will receive all information about what we can offer. The web address is:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/parenting-and-family-support/child-and-family-centres/>

Or alternatively pop in on a Tuesday and we will hand you a registration form. Alongside the groups on Tuesday we have *Introducing Family Meals* workshops (weaning your baby) and *First Aid courses for Parents/Carers*.

Emma Chipps
Business Support Assistant, 01954 284672

Daisy's travels

AT the time of writing this, Homer Simpson is still sitting on the roof of the Waggon and Horses, but there has been no such sedentary life for Daisy of the Daylight Readers.

After spending a relaxing Scarecrow Weekend sitting on the grass outside the Library, reading and drinking wine, she travelled to Ipswich where she won a prize in an Allotment Scarecrow Competition.

Her next port of call was the Foxgrove Residential Home Fête in Felixstowe where she enjoyed the Country and Western Music and met many of the residents.

After a brief spell back in Linton, she travelled to Lytham St Annes for another Allotment Scarecrow Weekend.

She is back in Linton minus a foot but, undeterred, she is still planning to hop along to her next big date – Bonfire Night.



Daisy at the library

Photo by Liz Cox

Liz Cox

Camera Club Exhibition

THIS year many of our visitors proclaimed the exhibition *The Best Yet*, not being shy to congratulate the members on the high standard of photography and the diversity of the subjects. Just about all the members exhibited some of their work, and their different interests were reflected in the photographs displayed.

The Linton Camera Club is a small(ish), friendly club which is always ready to welcome new members. If you came along to the exhibition, enjoyed it and if you are handy with a camera (or not so handy), why not come along to a meeting at the Village Hall at 7pm on the first Monday of each month.

Give me a ring on 892657 for more information.

Tony Smith



Which ones should I choose as my favourites?

Photo by Tony Smith

Local Plan and updates

WITH the adoption of the Local Plan, Linton should now have some protection from speculative planning applications. Planning policies respecting the village boundary, local planning issues and housing needs, should now take their rightful place when determining applications.

Linton Parish Council has had some success in having inappropriate developments rejected or limited in size. For example, we had the number of houses reduced in both the Horseheath and Bartlow Road sites.

Outline planning permission, which establishes the principle of development, cannot be revoked without substantial compensation, but we can and do comment on the details and material planning issues - design and layout, the impact on neighbours and landscape, flooding/drainage, planting schemes, protection zones, etc.

The planning group continues to oppose the harmful effects of insensitive plans. We might need expert help to give greater weight, detail and legal force to our comments, but we, as volunteers, do most of the work ourselves.

Bartlow Road is the current focus, and now we see that the Horseheath Road site is up for sale (the details not matching the outline application or the results of the public inquiry). We will comment further once we have the detailed planning application.

The input of residents is important – South Cambridge District Council Planning Committee has to take account of it - so please attend meetings, send comments to us and to SCDC. Plans are on the SCDC Planning website and in the Parish office (where there are also planning minutes, reports and our submissions).

We do our best to keep you informed - on the LPC website, here but how else? Tell us how best to reach you. Our contact details are on page 8. Meanwhile, we could be in for another busy time.

Cllr Enid Bald

Allotments in Linton ... an update

THE Diocese land at Horseheath Road is up for sale. The outline planning permission for the site would allow up to 42 houses to be built, with not less than 0.4 hectares of land for allotments. This is around one acre - the standard area for 10 garden allotments - the indicative plans on application S/3407/17/OL showed 20 plots.

Once the land is sold, all the other aspects - layout, design of houses, screening, protection zones, surface water drainage, etc. will have to be submitted as a Reserved Matters application

It is clear that the allotted land would not be owned by the village, but be retained by the landowner; having already lost our village allotments three (or is it four?) times already, we would eventually lose these. The management of them would be part of planning negotiations. Linton Parish Council has tried to obtain allotments over the years and is still looking to buy a suitable site to fulfil the needs of residents.

In preparation for Linton having at least a few allotments, could anyone interested in having one please contact Simon Hill of the Linton Allotments Association, or the Parish Council.

Simon's email is simon.hill994@btinternet.com.

The Parish council details are on page 8.

Allotments Working Group

... Meanwhile at Balsham

WE have some vacant allotments here in Balsham, but there is limited availability.

For further information contact me on 291932 or Balshamallotments@gmail.com or Tracey Coston on 894462

Debbie Paton

Too good for jumble...

ON offer this month is an attractively-bound set of six Jane Austen books.

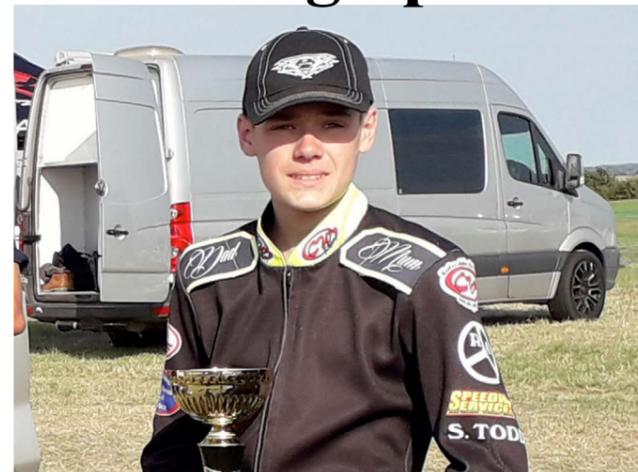
Also available are an upright mahogany piano 146cm wide x 62cm deep x 128cm high; a pair of bunk beds with wooden ends, and ladder, 2m length x 76cm wide x 1.5m high overall and a wooden magazine rack with two pockets, 15in wide x 10in deep.

The greenhouse made £100 for the Brownies, the freezer raised £10 also for the Brownies and the girl's bike raised £10 for the Arthur Rank Hospice.

If you are interested in any of the above or have an item to sell to benefit a charity, please contact Kate France on 891602 or email katefrance@profsoundconsult.com

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

A racing update



Sam with his cup for coming second

Photo supplied by Claire Norris

SAM NORRIS took part in the ACU British youth grasstrack intermediate championships, which was held in September in Fenland. After a consistently-focussed approach, Sam achieved a successful 2nd overall position. Sam had to compete with the top riders in the country which is remarkable as he is only 14 and in year 10 at Linton Village College

Sam has also enjoyed being Mildenhall Speedway's mascot this season and is continuing to learn new skills. He recently had a go on a 500cc speedway bike, as his goal is to ride in the National League as soon as he is old enough.

Sam is looking for sponsorship from local companies to assist him in his racing journey.

Please take a look at his Facebook page Sam Norris#7

Claire Norris, 897805
christophernorris167@btinternet.com



Democracy at the Infant School

THE first half term has been and gone, the children and staff have returned to darker mornings and evenings, and school is well under way. It is hard to believe our new Foundation children have only been with us for eight weeks, they have settled into school life so well.

This year, we have started a School Council. Any potential candidates were invited to make a poster and give a speech to their class peers as to why they should be voted for. The competition was fierce, and we are looking forward to hearing the ideas of the children, presented by the children. This is democracy in action.

We are already thinking about the intake for September 2019 as the admissions window will soon open. If you are considering Linton Infants as the school for your child we are holding some sessions for you to come and see for yourself. The first session is on Monday 19th November from 9.45am to 10.45am and the second the same day from 1.30pm to 2.30pm. There will be a final session on Tuesday 20th November from 9.45am to 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, Headteacher

Linton Area Pool Project

THE Linton Area Pool Project was formed back in the 1990's with a vision of raising funds to provide an indoor public swimming pool to benefit the fitness and wellbeing of the whole village.

Previous committees pursued different ideas for fundraising. These included a windfarm community grant, Sports England and Lottery funding. However they were not able to raise enough funding to provide a pool.

The project has been dormant for several years, and new funding sources have not opened up for the project. Therefore, it has been proposed that the amount of around £5,000 (raised from donations and events in the past) should be shared by three deserving sports/fitness causes in the village as follows:

- Linton Heights Junior School swimming pool refurbishment
- Linton Aztecs football
- Beacon Youth Sports

If you would like to share your views on this, please contact: Tim Richardson on 890921 or timlincR@aol.com or me on 891967 or debbie.belsham45@gmail.com

Debbie Belsham

Alerts – Police matters

AT one am on 11th October the occupant of a house on Hillway was awoken by banging and loud noises coming from the rear of the property. It appears that somebody tried to kick the door open in order to gain entry but was unsuccessful. Crime Ref 35/37009/18

Between 11th October and 12th October offender(s) forced entry to a property in Hillway via the rear door and conducted a messy search. Three sets of yellow coloured metal earrings, one yellow metal wedding ring and an engagement ring were taken as well as approximately £600 in cash. Crime Ref 35/36988/18

Between 8am on 7th October and 3pm on 13th October an unknown offender threw paint over a bench and railway sleepers on Church Lane. Crime Ref: 35/38024/18.

If you have any information relating to the crimes reported, please contact the police on 101. Or if you wish to remain anonymous please call crime stoppers on 0800 555 111.

Remember to report anything suspicious in your area on either 101 (non-emergency number) or 999 in an emergency.

South Cambs Safer Neighbourhood Team

Editor's note: It has been brought to our attention that not all crimes in Linton get into the police Neighbourhood Watch alerts.



Newly Qualified at the Heights

FOLLOWING the headteacher's recommendation, I thought it only fitting that I write an article for the Linton community to share my thoughts and experiences of starting to work at Linton Heights Junior School (LHJS).

At the beginning of the current academic year I started as a Newly Qualified Teacher (NQT). Prior to this employment, I had become familiar to the school through my teacher training, for which I was mentored by a fabulous and much-adored teacher, Miss Ciara Farr.

It was this experience that allowed me to thrive within the school's very warm and welcoming ethos and fulfil my teacher training. Linton Heights has an incredibly positive atmosphere that runs throughout the school, enhancing the children's learning and providing an outstanding and positive atmosphere for the pupils and staff alike. I can quite truthfully say that the behaviour of the pupils is amazing, and the excellent communication between the staff, pupils and parents creates a harmonious working environment and, without doubt, a very safe place for learning.

Due to the opportunities the school's senior leadership team has provided, I feel that I am continuing to grow as a teacher under the guidance and support of all the LHJS staff.

Miss Kirsty Webb – Year 5 teacher



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Pre-school and toddler group
Linton, Cambridgeshire

WE at Chestnut Playgroup believe that a variety of experiences are key to children's development. This autumn the children at the playgroup have been out and about learning lots about the harvest, autumn and hibernation. We have had outings to the Co-op to buy snacks and to Linton St Mary's Church for the Harvest Festival, as well as many visits to the library for books and stories about the changing seasons. It was also great to have a visit by Sarah Thorn from St Mary's Church at the playgroup for a *Stay and Play* with the children.

It is important to us that the playgroup is a part of the wider Linton community and so it was fantastic to see so many of children and adults from the village and surrounding area at our Halloween disco. As well as being good fun for everyone, it raised valuable funds for the playgroup to invest in new resources. We hope to see you at our Christmas event in December.

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 to arrange a visit or for further information go to admin@chestnutplaygroup.org.uk or ring 07342 900120.

Elaine Mingay
on behalf of Chestnut Playgroup.



Linton

BUSY busy busy. We've been on Autumn treasure hunts, painted with conkers and had an energetic dance session with Natalie from made2move. We have also had an exciting duck hunt with the new librarian, Dawn, at Linton Village College library, explored pumpkins, burnt some energy in the soft play room at Granta School and had some Spooky fun.

Our Christmas fair preparations are underway ready for 8th December at Linton Village Hall.

We are currently looking for new members to add to our committee team, specifically a treasurer.

If you feel you would be able to offer us your time, please contact Bex on rebeccaacklin30@googlemail.com
Linton Granta Playgroup Team

Linton Village College

Adult community learning workshops

PLACES are still available for the following Autumn Term workshops:

Adult workshops

Saturday 10th November workshops

Autumn Flower arranging designs, 10am to 4pm
Indian cookery for friends (new menu), 10am to 4pm
Introduction to Mosaics, 10am to 4pm
Taster course for Flower Power Yoga 10am to 11.45am

Saturday 8th December workshops

Fresh Christmas door wreath, 10am to 4pm
Tai Chi (Chen style) 10am to 4pm

Family workshops (new this year)

Spend a fun morning or afternoon with your child (children) learning a creative skill
Saturday 8th December 9.30am to 12.30pm or 1pm to 4pm
Wet felt bunting

Christmas decorations from recycled materials

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

Margaret Kiddy and Jenny Logan
Adult Education Department

Sawston Adult Education

I AM Garry, the new creative writing tutor at Sawston Adult College. Writing is my vocation. If you have a passion for fiction, be it novels, short stories, films, plays, radio or TV dramas or any other type of fiction, and you've always wanted to write or are currently writing, then attending my creative writing course will help you improve the quality and structure of your stories.

The course consists of several aspects:

Peer editing - You will submit your stories to the rest of the class and have them edit your work and provide critical feedback. By editing other people's stories you will become aware of these improvement areas in your own writing.

Analysis - You will look at different types of fiction from the greatest writers and perform close reading of their work to see how they write stories and what techniques they use.

Discipline - By having to produce a story every week you will form good habits.

Tutoring - My teaching focus is all about story structure: beginning, middle and end.

Courses

Saturday 8th December 2018, 9.30am to 12.30pm, *Constructing a Story*, a one-day course
Wednesday 16th January 2019, 7pm to 9pm, *Creative Writing for Beginners*, a 10-week course
Saturday 19th January 2019, 9.30am to 12.30pm, *Writing Snappy Dialogue* a one-day course
Saturday 16th March 2019, 9.30am to 12.30pm, *Constructing a Story*, a one-day course
Wednesday 1st May 2019, 7pm to 9pm, *Creative Writing for Beginners*, a 10-week course
Saturday 22nd June 2019 – 9.30am to 12.30pm, *Writing Snappy Dialogue*, a one-day course

Garry Pope, Adult Learning Tutor
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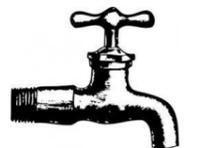
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Anonymous letters will NOT be published but names and addresses may be withheld if requested.

Dear Editor
Please could everyone stop parking on the double yellow lines at the corner of Market Lane and the High Street?

I understand that you need some bread, your hair cut, a coffee, your nails done or you are a delivery driver etc. but I and all residents, need to get out of my lane safely.

There is no or limited vision at the best of times, but, when vans or cars are parked illegally, it is completely blind pulling out. You also stop there being a pull-in space for when traffic, especially buses, come up or down the High Street. (Or maybe you would prefer that Stagecoach decided to stop this route and continue along the A1307)?

I have stopped and taken photos, only to receive various levels of abuse from the drivers, or, worse still, the drivers saying that it will make no difference.

We live in a fabulous village. Please can we also be considerate and park responsibly for everyone's safety? Thank you
Name withheld, Market Lane

Remembering and looking forward at St Mary's

AT 6pm on 4th November, we will be holding our annual service to remember those we love but see no longer, entitled *Loving, Losing, Remembering: A Service for All Souls*.

If you would like to add a name to the list we will read out in the service, there is a list at the back of the church, or you could contact me. It doesn't matter if they didn't have a church funeral or if the funeral was somewhere else.

11th November is Remembrance Day, and this year is the 100th anniversary of the Armistice.

We will be marking this event at the Remembrance Service at 2.30pm on Sunday 11th and then at the War Memorial, where we will pay tribute to all those who gave their lives.

Afterwards, join us for tea



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with a flavour of 1918 in the Village Hall.

Later in the month Space for the Spirit will be on the theme of *Waiting* - something many of us know all too much about. Space for the Spirit is a meditative sequence of words and music on the last Tuesday of each month - this month it will be at 8pm on Tuesday 27th November.

Our new service for all ages, Together with God, will celebrate Christ the King on Sunday 25th. Join us at 10am for a service that combines lively music and activities for all.

Revd Nicola Bown, 977164
nicolabown@icloud.com

Tai Chi - Stand like a mountain, flow like a stream

TAI CHI is just walking slowly up and down and waving your arms around, isn't it? So what's wrong with that then?

Public Health England reports that poor muscle strength in older people leads to 76% more likelihood of falls. They advise that walking exercises are good, but not good enough, and should be enhanced with other activities.

Ancient China cottoned on to this way back in the Hang dynasty, and of course there is more to Tai Chi than walking up and down waving your arms about.

The easy gentle movements of Tai Chi conform to the motion of the natural world. The constant flowing movement is harmonious with nature, which itself is always changing and moving. Mind and body harmony, in tune with the natural order of the universe, is at the core of Tai Chi. It enhances the awareness of universal be-

longing.

The essence of this ancient art is contained in poetry, songs and fables, which are a folk method of retaining knowledge, giving it longevity. The poem *Stand like a mountain, flow like a stream* is a philosophical example.

As the organisation says, walking is known to have a positive influence on hypertension, obesity and depression. Strengthening and balance activities help prevent falls and improve mood, sleep and energy levels, and reduce the risk of an early death.

So, waving your arms around has got to be a bonus. But the ancient Chinese already knew that.

Dan Downey

Note: Dan runs classes in Tai Chi at the Strictly studios in the Grip at 10am on Thursdays.

Gog Magog Molly

theWI THIS dance troupe of seven ex-Cambridge University students, led by Alison, made a startling entrance with their brightly painted faces (not blacked-up) and vividly multi-coloured clothing. This dates back to the time when plough-boys danced round the village in disguise when work was scarce, demanding money with menaces and appearing anti-social.

Molly dancing (named after a figure of fertility) is the East Anglian version of Morris dancing and had its heyday in the 1800's to WWI when the tradition was broken. It died out in the 1930's and was revived in the 1970's. Traditionally only danced by men, some dressed up as women and now women also take part.

Several members joined in the first dance, the College Hornpipe, and quickly picked up the steps; then the Gogs performed several more dances with gusto, showing us how it should be done. Music was provided by a recorder and accordion. Between dances Alison gave us some interesting facts.

Plough Monday (the first Monday after Epiphany) is the traditional time for dancing, as is Mayday morning on top of the highest hill, waiting for the sun to rise. A large gathering of molly dancers can be seen at Whittlesea Straw Bear Festival in January. Gog Magog Molly welcome new recruits - details can be found on the website.

At our next meeting on 6th November there will be a craft and games evening. New members and visitors will still be welcome to come and join in.
Sally Proberts, 891021

Breakfast with big issues

DON'T miss the last of this series of Saturday morning discussions on topical issues by our own Hadstock experts which is held in Hadstock Village Hall.

On 24th November: the subject is *What is Community? Can we measure it, and why is it important?*

Brendan Burchell draws on recent research to investigate what makes a good community - and why it matters to us in today's world.

Whatever your age, whether you are still considering career choices or retired, this breakfast talk raises issues which affect us all. Come and hear how the work of researchers can throw light into our everyday lives and influence our perceptions of how we live together. It may challenge our assumptions too. Everybody welcome.

Coffee and pastries are at 9.00am, and talks begin at 9.30am followed by discussion and questions. It will finish by 10.30am.

There is no charge, but donations are invited to meet the cost of refreshments, with the balance going to a charity of the speaker's choice. There is no need to book but or more information contact me on 01799 599141 or paula.greatford@btinternet.com
Paula Greatford

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WEEKLY

Little Stars SEN group, alternate Mondays 1.15-2.45pm CC
Beacon Astro Football, Mondays, 3.05-4.30pm LVC
Netball, Monday evenings, 6.30pm junior, 7.30pm adult LVC
Linton Granta Football Bingo, Mondays, 7pm Pavilion
Men's Keep Fit, Mondays, 8-9.30pm LVC sports centre
Linton Theatre Workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701)
WEA, Tuesdays, 10am term time VH
Linton Air Cadets Mon and Thurs 7-9.30pm (07717801056) LVC
Scrabble Club, alternate Tuesdays, 10am-12noon CP
Chestnut Playgroup, Monday-Friday, 9am- 2.30pm CC
Linton Granta Toddler grp, Tuesdays term time 9.30-11.30, LVC
Linton Granta Playgroup, Mon-Fri, 8.30am-2.30pm LVC
Storytime, Tuesdays, term time, 2-2.30pm Library
Granta Duplicate Bridge Club, Tuesdays, 2-4pm VH
Beacon Red Zone Youth Club, Tuesdays, 7-8.30pm LVC
IT Club-computer help, Tuesdays, 7pm CC
Linton Chess Club, Tuesdays, 7.30pm CC
Belleplate Ringing, Tuesdays, 7.45-9pm (971057) URC
Tots in Tow, Wednesdays term time only, 9.30-11am VH
Beacon Girls Group, Wednesdays, 3.05-4.30pm REC
Jelly Beans Playgroup, Thursdays, 9.30-11.30am URC
Doodle Dots under 5s, Thursdays 10-11.30am, CC
New Beginnings (with Baby Sensory), Thursdays, 1.15-2.45pm CC
Computer Buddies, Thursdays, 2-4pm Library
Beacon Drop-in Club, Thursdays, 5.30-7pm REC
Linton Army Cadets, Thurs 7 - 9pm (Call 07368375140) LH
Cricket Club, Thursdays, 6-8pm LVC
Beacon Youth Group, Fridays, 7-8.30pm, URC
Parents, Carers and Tots Mocha house, Fridays, 9.15-10am CP
Stay and Play, Fridays 10am-11.30am CC
St Mary's Church Choir, Fridays, 7-8.30pm St Mary's
Linton Bridge Club, Fridays, 7pm, CC
For sports centre courses please call LVC sports centre on 890248

NOVEMBER

3 Farmers' market, 9am- 12 noon VH
3 Fireworks, 6pm, Camping Close
4 Wild Church, 2.30pm
4 Service for All Souls, 6pm, St Mary's church
5 Camera Club, 7pm CC
6 WI, 7.30pm VH
7 Reading Group, 8pm VH Upstairs
10 Christmas Fête for Antony Nolan Trust, 10am CC
11 Lighthouse, 10.15am URC
11 Remembrance Service, 2.30pm St Mary's Church
12 Whist Drive, 7.30pm VH
13 VIP Group, 2pm Chalklands
13 Gardening Club, 7.30pm VH
15 Linton Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm, CC
16 Daylight Readers, 10.30am Library
18 Walking Group, 11am, Church Lane
18 Messy Church, 2.30pm St Mary's Church
19 Linton Infant Open day, 9.45 10.45am & 1.30 to 2.30pm
19 Linton Infant Open day, 9.45 10.45am LIS
20 Historical Society, 7.30pm VH
21 Cambridgeshire Hearing Help, 9.30-12 noon LintonHC
24 Quiz evening, 7pm URC hall
25 Together with God service, 10am St Mary's Church
27 Space for the Spirit, 8pm St Mary's Church

DECEMBER

1 Farmer's Market, 9am - 12noon VH
1 LMS concert and mulled wine, 7.30pm St Mary's Church
2 Advent Carol Service, 6pm St Mary's church
3 Engage mtg. on Historic Cambridge, 2pm Library
3 Camera Club, 7pm CC
KEY: CC Cathodeon Centre, CP Church Pavilion, D&D Dog and Duck, HC Health Centre, LH Linton Heights School, LIS Linton Infant School, LVC Linton Village College, RG Recreation Ground, URC United Reformed Church, VH Village Hall.
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Report for Parish Councils

A1307

A MEETING of the Local Liaison Forum was held on September 12th. A presentation by Greater Cambridge Partnership included plans for two new signal crossings providing cycleway continuity along with safety improvements at the Hildersham junction. It's proposed to use some of the existing two-lane width to provide an in-slip for Dalehead foods. It is proposed to close the Dean Road central reservation to prevent traffic from Bartlow turning right but still allowing right turns for traffic from West Wickham and West Wrattling

Local Plan

THE South Cambridgeshire Local Plan was adopted at a full Council meeting on 27th September 2018. The Local Plan for Cambridge City was also found sound. Following the adoption of the Local Plan, it can now be given full weight in planning decisions. Not all of the build-out will be complete before 2031 but the main developments envisaged in the plan are:-

A new town north of Waterbeach, a new village at Bourn Airfield, an expansion to Cambourne to the west, homes on land north of Cherry Hinton and west of Teversham. The remaining homes are in Cambridge City and around 900 homes in the better-served South Cambridgeshire villages. It is also planned to continue to develop Northstowe and continue to build homes in existing growth sites on the edge of Cambridge (Southern Fringe, Cambridge East, Darwin Green and Eddington).

£400,000 grants pot launched to help communities

VOLUNTARY and community groups are being asked to bid for a share of over £400,000 of grant funding to make sure vital services are delivered in South Cambridgeshire villages.

The three-year funding deal by South Cambridgeshire District Council will see money available for groups supporting communities on issues ranging from community transport and homelessness to living independently and support for people for upcoming national changes to benefits. The areas of work for which service support grant funding is available are: Housing options advice and services preventing and relieving homelessness, Community transport, Specialist welfare advice, General welfare advice, Independent living, Fit to learn, and Support for parishes and communities.

The Council is looking for services to be delivered to the entire district but would welcome bids from organisations looking to cover part of the area. New organisations and groups who have never applied for funding are also being urged to bid.

Proposed changes to some bin collection arrangements

CHANGES to some aspects of bin collections in Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire are being proposed. The one proposed change for South Cambs residents is the introduction of a charge for those who want more than one green bin, which Cambridge City residents already pay. It will be £35 pa but reduced to £20 for the first year. The scheme would officially begin in April 2019, with residents able to sign-up from early next year.

Councillors Henry and John Batchelor

Cam Sight News

NICK BURR from Cam Sight in Cambridge gave a talk on legacies at the October meeting of the Linton VIPs. Accompanied by his German Shepherd guide dog Amber, Nick also told the moving story of how he lost his sight and, through his involvement with Cam Sight, became their Fundraising and Promotions Officer.

This was followed by afternoon tea, and delicious cakes made by one of our members.

Our next meeting is at 2pm on Tuesday 13th November at the Chalklands Centre, when we shall tap our feet and sing along to Beany, who plays a variety of old and new popular songs.

If you would like more information please contact us on 893595 Jean Mannion

Comedy and Carols

TICKETS are flying off the (sh)elves faster than a sleigh in flight.

It is an event not to be missed to start the Christmas season. Paul Kerensa brings his programme of sing-along carols on the big screen, mixed with seasonal comedy in this unique programme of entertainment.

Join us for carols with a difference at 7.30pm on Saturday 8th December at St Mary's Church. Suitable for all ages.

Tickets cost £10 including mulled wine and mince pies (soft drinks also available). Tickets are available from Sue Ellis on 892257 or me at lottie020@hotmail.com.

Charlotte Ellis



Photo: Paul Kerensa supplied by Paul Kerensa.

Can you help Eddie's?

EDDIE'S is an award-winning charity based in Cambridge. We work across Cambridgeshire to provide lifelong opportunities for people of all ages with learning disabilities to create the lifestyle they choose and be equal and active members of the community.

We are looking for volunteers who are over 18 years of age to help with this work. The hours are flexible and we offer a day's training to get you started. No qualifications are needed.

Volunteers are vital to us. Without them we couldn't deliver our services, especially our young people's Befriending Scheme and Family Support service. Befriending involves volunteers being matched with a young adult and seeing each other every few weeks.

In our Family Support Service, volunteers are paired with a family, and while the volunteer spends time with the child, the parents can rest or spend time with their other children. Both services are incredibly flexible. It is up to the volunteers and match to decide when suits them and what they want to do. It could be going for a walk, watching a film, heading to the supermarket or just having a cup of tea together.

In 2016/17, we supported 650 children, young people and adults with learning disabilities and their families and carers across Cambridgeshire. 135 regular volunteers helped to deliver these services

Pat Scott, 883149, Volunteers Support Coordinator. www.eddies.org.uk

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Anderson Trust

THE Trustees of the Charles and Mary Anderson Benefaction would be pleased to receive applications for grants from the benefaction for distribution in 2019. 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 2018 five grants were made, ranging in value from £500 to £5000, covering varied activities supporting all ages across the community.

Applicants need to complete the 2019 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, 8th February 2019. Email applications may be made to powellz@talktalk.net.

The trustees will meet in early March to consider all applications.

Gill Powell, 893664



Colour and form

ON 9th October we held our AGM followed by a talk on *Gardens I have Visited* which was a screening of photos taken by members with a commentary by Jim Forrest, our Secretary.

We saw a garden of cacti of various sizes from very tall to giant balls and small cacti. The garden was in a disused quarry in Lanzarote and full of cacti that were covered in brightly coloured flowers.

There were lovely photos of Monet's garden, Kew Alpine House and Bressingham Gardens with the beautiful borders in full flower.

Some allotments in Warwick have been rescued from developers and now, along with restored summerhouses, have been returned to their former glory. There were some superb photos of these.

Next we were taken to Scotland, north of Inverness on the east coast of Sutherland where stands Dunrobin Castle. Surrounding the castle are gardens of shrubs, trees and flowers, with lawns and pathways running between the beds. It is a very large well-tended garden. Once again there was so much colour due in part to our wonderful summer.

Next month our meeting is on Tuesday 13th November when Richard Gant will give a talk entitled *The Work of Plant Heritage and their Plant Collections and Gardens*. The meeting will be in the Village Hall at 7.30pm and visitors are welcome.

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

ACE Christmas meeting

THE December meeting for ACE will be at 12 noon on Tuesday 4th December in the Pavilion in the recreation ground.

It will be a buffet lunch with an even wider variety of food than we have had on previous occasions.

This will be followed by an entertainment by Jancis Harvey, which sounds as if it will be really enjoyable as she sings, writes many of her own songs and has a wealth of Linton stories to recount.

Many of you will remember Jancis as she taught at the infant school some years ago. All this for the reduced price of £3 per person. We look forward to seeing you all.

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COUNTRY MATTERS

Text by Oriel O'Loughlin and illustrated by Maureen Williams



Hips and haws

YOU might be just in time to take advantage of the mass of hips and haws in gardens around the village and in the hedgerows. What a wealth of material on our doorstep. I feel sure you have been planning to make rosehip syrup and haw brandy for years now.

Wild rosehips form in the late summer and autumn on dog-roses, sweetbriar, Japanese, burnet and field roses.

This month I have tossed aside my usual sources and turned to the online Gransnet to get started. For the uninitiated this is Mumsnet for grandparents.

There are many stories of rosehips being collected at primary school with children paid 3d (three old pence) for a full jam jar. The brand of rosehip syrup most people remember was Delrosa. It was used to pour over rice pudding and was loaded with Vitamin C and was helpful in preventing disabilities caused by lack of some imported foods during WW2.

It is also known for bladder disorders, gout, arthritis and rheumatism – what are we waiting for?

In my hedgerow cookbook, recipes abound. You can also eat the hips complete with seeds, and apparently if you keep rosehips under your pillow you will have only pleasant dreams.

Hawthorn is our most common tree, and haws are the name for hawthorn berries. There are many species, but the most

familiar is the *Crataegus Monogyna*, widespread in our hedges and gardens, known for housing fairies, needing little maintenance and growing to a maximum of 30 feet. They are a favourite for nests as the sharp thorns offer excellent protection.

Hawthorn is also called May and occasionally Whitethorn and has century-long associations with Mayday festivities.

Containing only one stone, haw berries persist long after the sloes on the blackthorn have shrivelled. Even if you don't fancy eating them, they are a vital source of food for birds.

In terms of health the flowers are used to stabilise blood pressure and can be sprinkled into salads. The leaves can be used to wrap the haws in a (very) mini sandwich. Haws are used for wine, jam, herbal tea and haw brandy.

Apparently one must never bring a sprig of hawthorn berries into the house for fear of bad luck, but if you are still not a fan of moles, then a branch poked down a molehill will make a deadly deterrent.

There is an author called Richard Mabey who writes about weeds and wild flowers and swears that haws taste just like avocado.

I suspect Ben will say there are two schools of thought on that one.



A quiz night

EACH year in November the Friends of St Mary's hold a quiz night in the URC Hall. This year it is at 7pm on Saturday 24th November.

New to us this year, although he has run many quizzes before elsewhere, is quiz-master David Watts.

Tickets, for teams of six, are available from Chris Morse on 891616 and me on 891231. Tickets cost £10 per head with a fish and chips supper included in the price.

Margaret Cox

CamBedRailRoad update

CBRR continue to promote their proposal energetically for an Oxford to Cambridge railway route following the A421 east from Bedford, along the Expressway link from Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet, along the A428 and A14 into Cambridge North, Central and Addenbrookes. New stations are proposed at Bedford South, Barford Parkway, Cambourne Parkway and Northstowe.

If you agree that CBRR's proposal should be considered by decision makers, then please sign our petition as soon as possible (to login go to www.cambedrailroad.org/support-us and scroll down to petition)

We have launched a petition to Secretary of State for Transport to ensure that the CBRR route proposal is fully and fairly considered. Please read the petition and sign if you support it. Go to www.cambedrailroad.org/support-us and scroll down to petition. Please sign as soon as possible This is very important, and your voice counts.

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The CBRR team

Sharing time and talents

I WOULD like to welcome you all to Arthur's Shed. This is a studio room located in the landscaped gardens at the Arthur Rank Hospice, which provides an alternative space for all to enjoy. Our vision is for the wider community and people connected to the hospice to come together in a safe, warm and friendly venue.

Volunteers currently offer their time and talents to deliver a programme of wide-ranging activities from woodwork to flower arranging, to less-structured informal sessions where attendees can learn from bespoke sessions on basic budgeting skills, cookery for pleasure, or one-to-one sessions to understand how to e-mail, or shop on-line.

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POT POURRI 163

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For women, MR = $10w + 6.25h - 5a - 161$ (yes, these figures are correct for both men and women)

Where w is your weight in kg, h your height in cm and a is your age in years.

You must multiply your MR according to the following factors:-

Sedentary = 1.2, Lightly active = 1.4, Moderately active = 1.6, Very active = 1.7, Extra active = 1.9.

Pot Pourri 162 – What was the Passcode?

Unfortunately, pp162 was incorrectly stated, therefore allowing more than one answer. Originally, the correct solution should have been 7 (a prime).

Urania

NEWS IN BRIEF

Art at church

WE have been going for a term and have enjoyed painting and encouraging each other in our creativity.

You are invited to join us if watercolour or acrylics are your thing. We start again on Tuesday 12th February 2019 between 1pm and 3pm at Horn Lane in the URC church hall. There is no charge except for 50p for coffee.

Please ring me on 894160 or 07891623953 for further information.
Jane Whitmore

More help for feet

IT may be of interest to residents that, due to an increase in demand, Simply Feet Chiropody at 61a High Street are expanding their services and opening times in the New Year. As of 1st January 2019, Simply Feet will be opening on Mondays and offering the services of our new Foot Health Professional, Caroline Pinkham-Smith.

Caroline has been part of the team for some years now, offering Reflexology to patients. After deciding to diversify, Caroline has now joined the team offering foot health advice and care in both the clinic and on home visits.

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Helping Hands in Linton needs help

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We need a couple more drivers for local trips. Expenses will be paid.

Oriel O' Loughlin

Linton Music Society Series

THE Lucy Cavendish Singers return for the Christmas Concert at St Mary's Church at 7.30pm on 1st December. This will be followed with mulled wine and a candlelit post-concert treat of a solo Bach piece played by the artistic director, Alex Redington. Tickets are available at Sweet Talk News, 893480 and online at www.lintonmusicseries.co.uk/book-tickets.

Linda Bird

Christmas is coming

THIS year the Linton Christmas Market at The Linton Kitchen is from 10am to 3pm on Saturday 8th December.

If you are a local food or drink producer and would like to enquire about having a stall then please email me at gemma@lintonkitchen.co.uk. We are also looking for buskers to provide some festive entertainment.

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The Marsh mail

LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE students have achieved phenomenal sporting successes over the past month with significant wins at county-level football and hockey fixtures. Students are fortunate to benefit from brilliant facilities on which to practise. Having a sports centre available to the school community, which invests into LVC's amenities, is a real, tangible benefit of the Village College model.

In recent years, students have profited greatly from the state of the art 4G AstroTurf pitch, access to a high specification fitness studio and are soon to be able to use the resurfaced tennis courts. We are appreciative of the growing numbers of Sports Centre users who directly support LVC's students through their membership. More information about how to join and details about new clubs on offer, including Shimmy Fit, Clubbercise and walking football, are available on the website: www.lintoncommunitysportscentre.co.uk.

Students also benefit from the support of the many volunteers that give their time and expertise freely to enhance education at LVC.

Our annual sponsored walk and its significant amount of fundraising for school facilities is only possible with the work of volunteer stewards and its organisation by the Friends of LVC. We are grateful for the large number of parents/carers that commit to running events.

I've had the privilege of observing our community language mentors in action this month helping our students to learn through the Languages Futures programme. Our Year 9 students are fortunate to be able to engage in authentic conversation in Turkish, Italian, Japanese, Russian and Greek, amongst other languages, because of community volunteers.

Another significant task force of volunteers is our Governing Body. We currently have vacancies for community governors. Appointments are on a skills basis to ensure that the team has the requisite spread of knowledge. We are particularly interested to hear from potential governors who have expertise in law, estates and procurement, but are essentially keen to recruit committed individuals that are keen to contribute to the strategic leadership of the College. If you are interested in finding out more about the role of a governor please contact the Clerk to the Governing Body, Tracy Coston (tracy.coston@lvc.org).

Helena Marsh

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/3457/18/FL, Laurence Ralph, 100 Balsham Road, Two-storey front extension, Single-storey front extension and single-storey rear extension.

S/3320/18/FL, Mr and Mrs Ogilvy, Land adjoining Dower House Barns, Camps Road, Bartlow, Change of use from agricultural land to garden land and erection of glasshouse and shed S/3747/18/FL, Robert Williams, 25 Symonds Lane, Change of Use from C3 (c) dwellinghouse to large house in multiple occupation\

S/3508/18/FL, Duncan Ogilvy, Bartlow Barns, Camps Road, Bartlow Barns, Bartlow, Erection of air source heat pump units S/3771/18/FL and S/3772/18/LB, Mr Conrad Webb, Windmill House, Long Lane, Conversion of windmill and granary to three holiday lets and comprising insertion of rooflights to west elevation. Creation of additional parking area. Conversion of existing holiday let (building range to south of windmill) to residential annexe ancillary to main dwelling.

S/3491/18/FL, Mr and Mrs O'Malley, 7 Bakers Lane, Proposed shed and change of use of land to garden

S/3697/18/FL, Mrs Kate Wright, 32 Lonsdale, Single storey side extension

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The Way We Were

by Garth Collard

The armistice – 11.00 am on November 11th 1918

THREE quarters of a million British men died in the Great War of 1914-1918, later known as the First World War. Think of the impact on society thereafter – on the 292,000 widows and the 400,000 children without fathers.

Although the Armistice (ceasefire) was welcomed, ordinary soldiers on the battlefields of Europe were not in the mood for celebration after years of warfare, terrible fighting conditions and, of course, because of losing friends and colleagues. But at home crowds celebrated in London and the other big cities, desperately hoping that the permanent end of the War was in sight.

In rural villages the celebrations were more muted, and in Linton, they were low key. A parade assembled at the Green Hill pub, with Superintendent Stapleton leading from his police horse. He was followed by policemen from the original Linton police station in Symond's Lane (built in 1855).

Next in the parade came the Salvation Army, the Linton Volunteers, the Defence Force



Peace day parade at the Greenhill pub

(set up to repel a German invasion), then the Prisoner of War (PoW) Guards (who were based at the PoW internment camp at Symond's House). Most other Linton voluntary groups took part, including the Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts, together with the Red Cross nurses from the hospital in Coles Lane.

The parade halted at the Market Place (on the High Street) where a temporary monument had been erected. A crowd of 800 villagers participated in the service of remem-

their families.

Nationally celebrations were on a larger scale. The Government wanted a national monument to the fallen, so Sir Edward Lutyens was commissioned to design the Cenotaph in Whitehall, with an annual Armistice ceremony held on 11th of November each year. Lutyens also designed the war cemeteries in France and Belgium.

A memorial was eventually built in Linton as well – at the entrance to the Cemetery – and was inaugurated in 1922, with an annual service held there each November to remember the men of the village and the surrounding area who died.

Families must have thought that if only the Armistice could have come earlier.

Peace was finally declared in July 1919, at Versailles, when the Great War formally came to an end. Celebrations were greater than for the Armistice, with people hopeful that another War would never happen.

Sadly, the events that were to come in 1939 meant otherwise.

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IT'S great to have so many new faces on the squadron. We have had lots of new sign ups over the past few weeks and we do still have space for more. It is a bit of a rush to get uniform sorted and drill up to scratch ready for the village's Remembrance Day parade, but it's a challenge our NCO team rise to every year.

The weather is changing, but we won't let that stop us. We have several events coming up at time of writing on which I shall be excited to report back. First of all there is a station visit to RAF Coningsby. This Air Power visit begins with a display by the Typhoon Display Pilot and a presentation by the RAF presentation team. Then 16 of our cadets will be taken on a close up and personal tour of just about every aircraft and ground-based platform that exists in the RAF today.

For those not on this visit there will be sports trials for the Beds & Cambs wing sports teams in hockey, football and rugby. We will also have cadets attending cyber courses over the same weekend, a nice prelude to the cyber competitions the squadron will be entering.

Preparation is underway for the squadrons' dining-in-night, a dinner event and social evening for all cadets to be held in November. Plans are also underway for our usual assistance at the Linton fireworks, and Remembrance parades at both the Castle Camps and Linton services.

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Linton and District Historical Society

LAST month John Caldicott made a welcome return, speaking about his search for his mother and the discovery of a whole new family.

Illegitimacy, until recently, has been treated harshly by society, and so it was in 1935 when Daisy found herself pregnant and abandoned by the father. The eldest in a large, impoverished family, she worked in domestic service first in Gainsborough, then London, finally joining her sister at a Luton laundry.

When unable to work she entered the Luton workhouse but was transferred to Redhill Institution where a son was born. Daisy applied to the Foundling Hospital, and since she was judged to be of good character, the child being taken into care and renamed.

Back at the laundry, Daisy faced hostility, so she became a carer to a widower's two children. They married and had a son, but when her husband died she returned home, and in 1941 married a childhood friend. Despite a hard life, they successfully raised another four sons.

John's search started when his son required family information for his application to the RAF. With basic details from the Foundling Hospital and names from the telephone directory, he sought out possible family members. His wife secretly located Daisy, who was at first apprehensive, but there was a successful reunion with his new relations. However, Daisy would never reveal the father's name.

Our next talk is at 7.30pm on 20th November in the village hall when Chloe Cockerill will give a talk entitled *Heraldry with a local twist*.
Pat Faircloth, 893928

Memorial to Mark 100 Years of the End of World War 1 - Under Consideration

DISCUSSIONS about a village memorial to mark the centenary of the end of WW1 were started in 2014 but appear to have come to a halt in 2015 along with a change in councillors. The Council of 2014 agreed a sum of £7,000 to be put aside for a memorial, which is still sitting (unspent) in our budget.

Last month LPC discussed whether the project could be fully costed and delivered in time for Armistice day this year.

Preliminary plans were drawn up by Cllr Ward in 2014, with sketches of initial ideas.

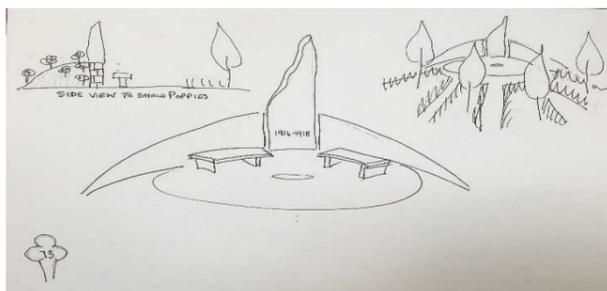
The First World War was characterised by trench warfare and had the consequence of shattering cultural and family structures, driving a wedge through the social fabric and countries of Europe. The plan for the memorial reflects this in the following ways:

Firstly, the stone circle could be used to define the shape of the wall and planting.

Secondly, the wall, following the circular shape, could be constructed from local Cambridgeshire brick, falling away at either side and with a vertical break in its centre for the megalith.

A bank of rough earth could be planted with poppies behind this feature, reminiscent of the trenches.

Thirdly, the benches could follow the shape of the wall and



Preliminary plan for the memorial done by Cllr Ward

Photo supplied by the Parish Clerk

be made from Cambridgeshire green oak to reflect the building materials of the time and destruction of forests for the war.

Finally, the megalith, representing the destructive force driven through an ordered society could be made from a rough-hewn slab of contrasting grey limestone, with the simple legend 1914-1918 carved on the flat front surface.

Depending on its location, rays planted with long grasses or wild flowers could spread from the memorial with closely mown

paths of lawn and a standard tree in the centre of each ray.

Initial work on cost and time estimates over the past month has demonstrated that the project would be almost impossible to deliver in full before 11th November this year to commemorate the end of the fighting, but it could be achieved before 28th June 2019, 100 years after the signing of the Treaty of Versailles which formally ended the war.

So, is this a project that you would like to see completed in the village? And if so, where would you like to see it located?

If you have any thoughts or comments, please write to me c/o the Parish Office, or by e-mail at

K.Kell@lintoncambridgeshire-pc.gov.uk

I would like to acknowledge the work of Beatrice Ward which I have reproduced for this article.

Cllr Kate Kell

Linton Parish Office Updates

Goodbyes

RECENTLY, Anne Meeks has left her role as Assistant Clerk for the Parish Council to move on to new challenges. For the past 10 years Anne has been an invaluable member of the team in the office and has always been on hand to assist both the council and parishioners with her helpful approach driven by her kind nature. Anne's focus and precision will most likely never be matched and her colleagues in the office will greatly miss her. Although the Parish Council and the office are sad to see her leave, we wish her the very best going forward in all that she does.

Promotions- A new Assistant Clerk

Linton Parish Council is very pleased that Maria French has agreed to take over the role of Assistant Clerk within the office. Maria has been with the Council for the past year and has already proved herself a valuable member of the team. We hope you join us in wishing her the best of luck in her new role.

Councillors

Wishing Councillor Graham Potter a speedy recovery.

Cllr Ward recently resigned her position on LPC Council and as Linton's Tree Warden. If you have any enquiries relating to trees please contact the office.

There are now two Councillor vacancies available for co-option following the recent additions of Cllrs Lee Gardener and Carole Campbell.

It's the little things that make a difference

The Clapper Stile

A local tradesman has now been commissioned to repair the iconic Clapper Stile, with work beginning shortly.

Grit bins

These are steadily being filled ready for the winter weather and there will be a new grit bin placed at the bottom of Tower View in preparation for winter following requests from residents.

Linton's Roads

Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) have confirmed that they are looking to focus some much needed work and money on the roads in Linton in the new financial year. With work being carried out on Linton High Street, Balsham Road, Coles Lane and the Grip to improve surface water drainage, path structure and surfaces and re-kerbing

Clerk

"Your first council meeting is a bit like your first day at a new school"

HAVING moved to Linton after my wife and I married in May 2017 we got established here very quickly, starting out straight away as locals.

Not long after moving here it was easy to regularly read the details and minutes of council meetings when they were posted on the notice board by the Dog and Duck. Then there always seemed to be a lot of interesting things to read in the *Parish Council Matters* section of the Linton News every month.

What gave me the final push to get involved was an article from Councillor Merrie Mannassi. She said how different it was being in business and coming from a private sector background compared to how things are done in parish councils.

So I got to thinking, maybe another private sector business person might be able to bring something to the council too and be useful. So what could I possibly offer?

Well time will tell but my experience includes designing military radars, technical sales and over twenty years as



The new boy - Councillor Lee Gardner

Photo supplied by Lee

a consultant in the power industry as well as some lighter hearted things.

I have been enjoying the role of radio presenter for a while now, did an eleven year spell as a DJ back in my youth too and I can never resist messing about with sound equipment to make it better and louder. Our neighbours are very tolerant.

So I called Kathryn, our Parish Clerk, to see if I could get involved and she talked me through the roles and responsibilities of a Parish Councillor and explained in detail the legal matters and requirements in

being a Government appointed official.

That was it, Kathryn put the wheels in motion, the procedures were followed and the next step was to attend a full council meeting where my appointment to the council would be approved or declined by a vote of the other councillors.

The vote was a yes, so here I am, the newest Linton parish Councillor.

The real eye opener though was attending this, my first full meeting of the council. This was a bit like your first day at secondary school where the

sights, sounds and the sheer amount of new things going on can overwhelm your senses.

It's not that there was any drama at all but the sheer breadth and diversity of things that the council is asked to research, consider, vote upon and ultimately implement that was such a shock.

In that one meeting alone there were memorials, parking issues, air conditioning, recreational projects, grass cutting, council staffing, planning, traffic and finance matters and many more things, all recorded in the minutes which I would encourage every resident to read.

It's obvious to me now that there are many, many things that need to be addressed, changed or implemented and we the Council are a small number of people trying to do the very best we can for those who live and visit here.

I hope to make a worthwhile contribution to this work, feel free to contact me or any other councillor or staff member because local matters are the things that matter to us.

Cllr Lee Gardner

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ABBREVIATED draft minutes of Linton Parish Council (LPC/PC) meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 20th September 2018 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Merrie Mannassi – Chairman; Cllr John Bald – vice-chairman; Cllr Paul Poulter; Cllr Amy Smith; Cllr Chris Hine; Cllr Simon Hill; Cllr Kate Kell; Cllr Angharad Hammond; Cllr Enid Bald; Cllr Dr Brian Cox. District and County Councillor Henry Batchelor

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Graham Potter and District Cllr John Batchelor

Councillors' Declarations of Interest: None

Councillor Vacancies: Notification of the resignation of Cllr Beatrice Ward as of Friday 7th September 2018. Noted

Consideration of the application for Parish Councillor for co-option from a parishioner. The applicant, Mr. Lee Gardner, introduced the reasons he would like to join the Council. Cllr E Bald proposed that the application was accepted and Mr. Gardner was co-opted onto the council. This was seconded by Cllr J Bald and put to a vote where it was unanimously Agreed. Mr. Lee Gardner was formally co-opted and stayed for the continuation of the meeting.

Chairman's Comment: The Chairman noted that LPC were very lucky to have so many active councillors that get involved in local events and that are happy to open their homes to the parishioners. A key example being Cllr Dr Brian Cox and his wife for opening their home up for the friends of St Mary's barbecue recently. The Chairman noted that the Assistant Clerk, Mrs. Anne Meeks had recently resigned and thanked her for her many years of hard work for the council within the office. Mrs. Meeks was wished the best in all that she does going forward. Dr. Beatrice Ward was thanked for her contribution throughout her time with Linton Parish Council, both in the capacity of Cllr and of Tree Warden, bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience to the council.

Open Forum for Public Participation: The members of the public present advised the Chair that they would like to speak at the correct item, item 122/18/19b and c; Market Square. The Chairman gave permission for this.

To Approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16th August 2018: The following amendments were made: 'Mr. Smith' as opposed to 'Smithy' on item 92/18/19. Cllr P Poulter proposed and Cllr Dr B Cox seconded. Agreed, with seven for, two abstentions and Cllr J Bald out of the room. **Matters Arising/ Clerk's Report:** Clerk to chase the War Graves Commissioner re Private J Fincham's memorial stone.

Planning Matters: Consideration of the Planning Committee minutes of the 19th July and the Extra-Ordinary planning committee meeting and Public Consultation of the 8th August 2018 and the draft Extra-Ordinary Committee minutes from the meeting of 11th September 2018. Noted. Update from the Planning Committee re Consultants for the Bartlow Road planning application: Sufficient representation is required so that this application is managed and it is the least damaging to the village. **The committee had researched possible consultants and a drainage and landscape consultant had both been found.**

District & County Councillors' Reports & Business: Written report noted. As of Thursday 27th September 2018, the Local Plan will be adopted to run to 2031.

The A1307/ Greater City Partnership (GCP) Local Forum met last week and it was noted that the Mayor has put a stop on this work to see if the larger scale work

marries up with the Greater Cambridgeshire picture. Next year GCP will implement additional bike racks and Babraham, the implementation of a new bus lane from Dale Head Foods along the A1307, which will reduce the lanes down to one for all vehicles.

Smart lights will also be installed on the A1307 outside Linton Village College which gauges and allows movement to the heavier traffic que.

Traffic Matters:

Market Square: The Linton Kitchen seeking permission for the Christmas and Easter Markets. LPC are happy to agree this. Cllr J Bald proposed and Cllr E Bald seconded. Agreed.

Cllr J Bald advised the Market Square was proposed to now be included on the Traffic Works Order (TWO) that is being submitted to Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC). Meeting with the residents was proposed for Tuesday 25th September 2018 at 7pm at Linton Village Hall. Traffic Works Order listing; The Council reviewed the TWO listing and this was proposed by Cllr E Bald and seconded by Cllr C Hine. Agreed

Monthly Financial Matters- Payments were Proposed by Cllr C Hine seconded by Cllr A Hammond. Agreed with One abstention.

Formal notification of the resignation of the Assistant Clerk. Noted.

Consideration of the Clerks request to promote the Jr Assistant Clerk to the role of Assistant Clerk. With a pay increase to £9.50ph. Proposed by Cllr C Hine and seconded by Cllr E Bald. Agreed.

Consideration of the Clerk's request to employ an Administrative Assistant for the office. This was proposed by Cllr A Hammond and seconded by Cllr C Hine Put to a vote with four for, four against and one abstention. This required a casting vote from the chairman, who voted for the proposal. Motion Carried.

Consideration of the new job descriptions. Agreed.

To review the specification for the repair of the churchyard paths submitted by Cllr Cox. This item was deferred.

Benches project; Recycled polyethene is being considered hopefully it will be commissioned by December 2018.

The Skate Ramp - a public event to be held and LPC will invite contractors to speak. It was proposed that Cllr A Hammond should join the skate ramp team, this was Agreed.

Update on the Bowls Club The funds should be passed over within the next few weeks.

Working Group and representative membership review-

Tree Warden; It was discussed that Cllr K Kell was interested in this role but would like to learn more about what it entails. Cllr K Kell is to be given until the next meeting to consider.

Youth Representative nominations; Cllr A Smith became a Youth Representative Cemetery working Group; Cllr K Kell joined.

Traffic working group nominations; Cllr K Kell joined

Update on the WW1 Memorial Commemoration

Verbal update Cllr K Kell spoke on this item and noted thanks to Dr. Beatrice Ward for a beautiful and poignant design. Thanks to the office for holding all of the records, draft design which means the design requires more work.

Cllr K Kell proposed that the current memorial be listed as there is not enough time to get a new one installed to mark the centenary. LPC can then take the proposal of

a new one to public consultation at a later point. Cllr P Poulter seconded this motion. Agreed.

Tree planting -to plant another Oak and some Rowan trees in the cemetery. Agreed.

Concern raised by a Parishioner regarding grass cutting being left over the grave stones.

Clerk to ask contractor to quote for a cut and collect in the cemetery to see if this is viable and will improve the situation.

The Recreation Ground

Repair of the large gate to the under 8's Play Area. The Clerk was granted permission to seek 3 quotations and action this work immediately with up to a £500.00 budget without bringing back to council. Proposed by Cllr M Mannassi, seconded by Cllr P Poulter. Agreed.

Quotation for the Clapper Stile -. Proposed by Cllr C Hine, seconded by Cllr E Bald. Agreed.

Linton FC re permission to purchase air conditioning for the pavilion.

Cllr C Hine proposed that LPC agree in principle that the pavilion can have air conditioning, as well as the PC office. LPC will obtain quotations and see if they are able to fund this or if the Football Club will be required to fund. Cllr A Hammond seconded. Put to a vote, 6 for and 3 abstentions. Agreed.

Parishioners letter re request for a bench to be installed outside of the Pavilion. This request is to be passed to the pavilion, cricket and football club

Tree Planting requests

Three new trees in the Community Orchard Cllr E Bald proposed, Cllr A Hammond seconded. Agreed.

Hedging packs to replace and strengthen hedges in Payne's Meadow to a price of £500, combined with hedging to the border of the old pond area in the Cemetery. Agreed.

Beacon Youth Trust Report for August 2018. Written report submitted. Noted

Connections Bus project report of summer 2018 sessions. Noted

Parish Council Matters Articles (Linton News) Articles for November 2018. Deadline Monday 8th October 2018.

Cllr K Kell to write re the War Memorial, Cllr Lee Gardener to write an introduction to himself and Cllr E Bald to write re Rivey Way.

Consideration of Correspondence Received

Parishioners letter re signage at Borelywood for private land and shooting. The Council advised that this should be referred to the landowner and the PC should remind the landowner and CCC Rights of Way dept of the legal requirements when shooting

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