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GCP proposals will affect Linton and the A1307

THE City Deal or Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) has been working on plans to improve connectivity in South Cambridgeshire and to encourage us out of our cars. This includes changes to the A1307 from Haverhill into Cambridge and along the A11 and A505. Three schemes have been put into the final decision process. Access them at www.greatercambridge.org.uk

The schemes, developed through a local liaison forum of which we are a part, and additional meetings with us, have different plans for the Cambridge side of Fourways but all include a remarkably similar treatment for Linton. The main proposals for Linton are:

- 1 No right turn out of the High Street – except for buses;
- 2 A roundabout on the A1307 at Bartlow Road;
- 3 A small rural hub (car park for 20 serving the bus stop) at the A1307/ Bartlow Road junction;
- 4 A west-bound bus lane from the new roundabout to the junction with the Grip /B1052;
- 5 Traffic lights to control the bus integration with the A1307 traffic, east of the junction;

- 6 East-bound bus lanes on approach to LVC;
- 7 General traffic flows will be controlled at LVC by traffic lights with changed priorities;
- 8 The pedestrian-controlled crossing between the Grip and High Street to become traffic lights
- 9 Improved pedestrian, cycle and equestrian access route into Cambridge starting in Linton;
- 10 Changes at the Dean Road crossroad involving closure of lanes and access;
- 11 Changes to speed buses through Linton (not specified);

There will be a pamphlet posted to all residents, public events etc, and LPC will have an information display in the Village Hall.

The plans go to public consultation early in February, for seven weeks. If you have any positive or negative thoughts on these proposals, they are still under discussion; the Greater Cambridge Team would appreciate your input into their decision-making process.

Please contribute as we will have to live with the decisions made by the Executive Board.

Beatrice Ward and Enid Bald

Below: A scarecrow from another festival

Picture Supplied by Pam Richardson

be plenty of music. The Lions' train will run on the Camping Close and there will be a

dog show. Many other attractions are in the pipe-line and I will write more to update you next month. Don't worry if you've never made a scarecrow – we're holding a workshop to inspire you in a month or so.

Ready to join in but haven't had a leaflet? Then please contact Pam Richardson.

And here's a request. We'd like to have a really splendid raffle. Remember, this event is for the whole of Linton. We'd like to ask if anyone has a prize to offer. It might be a bottle of something or the offer of a week in a holiday home abroad.

Please contact me on 890921 if you can help.

Pam Richardson



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An amazing experience for Linton Heights school choir



Part of the huge audience at the O2 Arena

FOR staff at Linton Heights, Monday 29th January was an opportunity to engage and develop our strengths in the Creative Arts subjects. As a school we are striving for our Arts Council *Artsmark* and we are continuing to work to ensure high quality art and music provision is embedded into our school curriculum. But, for some of our pupils, the day provided an opportunity that was even more exciting.

Linton Heights' school choir travelled to London for an experience they will never forget – a chance to perform in the London O2 Arena as part of the Young Voices 2018 concert series.

We spent the afternoon in energetic rehearsals, practising the songs we had already learnt at school and then we performed in

the evening to a packed arena full of proud parents and families. It was truly inspirational.

The concert's theme was *Togetherness* and how better to celebrate unity than to fill an arena with music, people and Young Voices? A chance for our school to put some of our core school values into context, whilst raising the roof with our singing.

Erik, a pupil in Year 5 said: "It reminds me how many children love to sing. And the O2 is so big." whilst Morgan in Year 4 said: "I wish all of you could come – and I really want to go again." So, Young Voices 2019, here we come.

Mrs Emma Mason, Music Subject Leader,
Linton Heights Junior School

Picture taken by Mr Dan Penfold

A college gift

"I WAS playing the organ in pubs, before I was old enough to go into pubs, and made a bit of money," said 64 year-old Peter Logan of Hildersham, who donated his Hammond Organ to Linton Village College last summer.

A trained wood machinist and fork-lift driver, before a serious accident, Peter toured the northern clubs' circuit and holiday camps, playing the organ in his spare time.

Mrs Helen Juckles, head of music at the college, was delighted to accept the unwanted organ for the department for use by the students and arranged for the college caretaking staff to collect and transport it.

Kate France, 891602



Above Peter Logan, the generous donor

Picture by Roger Lapwood



Right, a student practicing on the organ

Picture supplied by Mrs Helen Juckles

Update on planning application appeals

ANOTHER week, another appeal

Following the Public Inquiry for Horse Heath Road, we now faced Gladmans for Back Road.

The planning application for 95 houses had been rejected by LPC and refused by SCDC. The applicant appealed against this, so there was another Public Inquiry. This was rather more formal as SCDC were defending their decision with top barristers for both sides, LPC again represented under Rule 6, and professional witnesses called to present aspects of the dispute.

During the hearing evidence is examined by questioning witnesses, not through comment or statement – a very different approach to real life. However, LPC and its supporters did raise many cogent points and aspects not covered in interpretations of planning law and policy.

We could not have managed without professional help through our Planning

Consultant and Landscape witness but the submission of evidence and other presentations were by a few councillors and residents of Linton and Hildersham – see the article in Parish Matters for more detail.

As before, we did ensure that there were routing conditions (should these unwanted developments happen) to prevent construction traffic coming through our villages or causing more harm to the protected verges on Back Road. Traffic encroaching onto the verges is actually trespassing, so stay on the tarmac.

There have been three weeks spent on these two hearings, with 12-14 hour days, site visits and weeks of preparation of the submissions. We will know the results in time but, whatever the result, we put up quite a fight. Thank you to those who worked so hard to protect our villages.

Enid Bald

Songs and tales

DO not miss the opportunity to enjoy the amusing tales and fabulous singing of international entertainer Jonathan Veira performing at 7.30pm on Saturday 17th March in St Mary's parish church.

Jonathan is a warm and wonderful character with a great sense of humour and a superb voice, who provides a really excellent evening's entertainment of West End standard for just £10.

Tickets from the Small



The talented Jonathan Veira

Picture supplied by Jonathan

Gifts shop in the high street or from me.

Derek Lockstone, 891931

Too good for jumble

NEWLY available this month is an Apollo Juice 10-speed mountain bike, 26in wheel, a 9in high lightweight pre-war world globe, a Soundwave music centre with radio, turntable and CD player and a brand new tyre for an Astra 1600. Still available is the child's metal cabin frame bed with ladder but no mattress, 75cm from the ground, 190cm long x 90cm wide, three brand new ink cartridges for Brother printer in magenta, cyan and yellow and the 18in high white pottery vase with black stripes.

If you have something to offer to benefit a charity, please email Kate France at kfrance@profsoundconsult.com or ring 891602.

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

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Linton Infant School invites them in



AS a school, we value the relationship we have with our parents and the community. Recently, we have welcomed new adult helpers who come into school and listen to the children read, help with tasks, working with the children as part of a group or individually and other classroom activities. We really appreciate these offers of help and, amazingly, many of our helpers do not have children at the school. I am so touched that they feel welcome enough to offer their time.

This term, we introduced *Time to Share* sessions. A time for parents to drop in and spend some time in the classroom, looking through their child's books, appreciating the displays and seeing how the classroom works. Later in the term we have invited our parents to join the children for lunch; as if cooking meals for 174 pupils wasn't enough for our kitchen team.

The governors are spending a day at school in March, to really get an idea of how the school functions on a day-to-day basis, along with getting to meet the children and staff. They will be concentrating on various areas of the school development plan and a whole day will allow them to really focus.

So, although children are at the heart of our school, the partnership with parents and the links with the community are equally important, and with the support these offer, make our school what it is.

Kelly Harris, Headteacher

Come and join the library

NO-ONE is too young to join the library. You are welcome to enrol your baby or toddler (note: all young people up to age 18 need an adult guarantor). To encourage little ones to develop a love of books, you can also sign them up for the *Bookstart Bear Club* or *Bear's Reading Adventure*. They can collect small rewards by regularly visiting the library to choose books. Please ask staff for more details.

The library is a safe, friendly place to spend time with your very small children. Sit a while and share some stories and pick out books to take home. We have a big range of board books and countless picture books to choose from. Our New Experiences collection features stories to give young children a gentle introduction to common

challenges like starting school and visiting the dentist; and also bigger life changes such as family breakdown or bereavement.

We also have books for new parents with advice on sleep, weaning and other baby-care questions.

Under fives are welcome with a parent or carer at our weekly storytimes. Every Tuesday in term-time, 2-2.30pm, come and enjoy stories, songs and activities with one of our lovely volunteers – it's free, no need to book. This month, to celebrate World Book Day, at our 6th March storytime your child can collect a free book voucher.

Older readers: look out for our Shakespeare display, 12th-18th March.

Anna McMahon
Community Library Assistant

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chestnut playgroup Linton

WE have had a very exciting time at Chestnut Playgroup. The children arrived one morning to find a crime scene. There were flour footprints and handprints on the floor, an upset cooking area and our mascot, Charlie Chestnut, was missing.

The children spent the morning looking for clues and using their investigation skills to work out what had happened. Charlie had been kidnapped whilst making his birthday cake. After a letter of clues was received, the children took their investigations into the garden where they finally found Charlie stuck in a box.

The children's joy and enthusiasm for this activity was fantastic and has been further added to by making their own footprints in the snow. They compared their welly prints and found other animal and bird prints in the snow.

We are pleased to announce a new addition to our staff team. Sam Tossi will be joining us at the end of February. Sam brings with her a wealth of experience and enthusiasm and we are very excited that she is joining us.

Places are available for this academic year for children from two years to school age. Our opening hours are 9am-2.30pm, Monday to Friday. We offer a range of morning, lunch and afternoon sessions to suit your family's needs. We accept 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 on

admin@chestnutplaygroup.org.uk or 07342 900120.

Wendy Hine on behalf of Chestnut Playgroup.

Chestnut mystery



Gardening Club right plant – right place

OUR speaker for February was Hilary Thomas – Horticulturist, Lecturer and Gardener. It is so easy when taking over an existing garden or planting up a new one to choose plants we like the look of. We are then often disappointed. With some planning it is possible to avoid this. Before we think about plants we need to know the type of soil we have; improving the structure of the soil creates better aeration and drainage. This can be done by adding organic matter, grit and sand. The aspect of the garden is important: too much shade or sun for the wrong plant can be a problem. Wind can also do a lot of damage.

When choosing plants, check the information on the label, such as habitat, origin, aspect and size. Plants which thrive on chalky ground are good for planting in many areas of Linton.

If a plant is not happy, check if it is the *Right plant in the Right place*.

The photo classes for the Annual Show on 28th July are: *Animal or Animals*, *Family Life*, and *Leaf or Leaves*. A maximum of three entries per exhibitor is permitted in these classes. An extra class, with only one entry, A4 size permitted, is *My Special Photograph*.

For our 13th March meeting we have Rob Parker from Butterfly Conservation to talk about Butterflies in Your Garden. 7.30pm in the village hall. Visitors are very welcome.

Anita Daws 892113
lgcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk

Hello from Linton Children's Centre

HERE is our schedule from now until the 31st March.

Thursdays, 10am - 11.30am (term time only) Doodle Dots – for parents aged under 25 years Bring your child along for fun activities and meet other young parents.

Thursdays 1.15pm - 2.45pm, weekly (including school holidays) New Beginnings Group, a lovely group for new mum's and babies under one year of age. Come along and enjoy some adult led sensory activities, baby messy play and baby art. Singing and very much more.

Thursday 1st March during *New Beginnings* our NCT Breastfeeding Counsellor will be available for advice.

Fridays 10am - 11.30am, Stay and Play (including school holidays) a fun group for children under five and their parents. Lots of messy play, play dough, gloo, painting. Storytime, singing, snack included.

Call Andrea on 893594 for more information.



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WHAT a busy half term so far. We have been having fun with colours where we made a beautiful rainbow out of coloured hand prints.

We have also had our regular visits to the soft play at the Granta School, painted

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and hidden rocks around the village, and had a visit from Natalie our regular dance teacher.

We have started visiting the sports hall at Linton Village College on a Tuesday to promote physical development. We are delighted to welcome many new families to the setting.

With many sessions almost full please contact us if you are interested in viewing our playgroup.

The staff at Linton Granta Playgroup

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Dear Editor

I thought readers might be interested to know that you can use a contactless debit card payment for bus fares and can also make payment using apple Pay and Android Pay.

There was an article in the Cambridge News on Monday 12th February about the large number of passengers now using this method of payment (which was apparently launched in August 2017) and which has all sorts of advantages.

However, I have never seen any information about this on the No 13 service and only heard about the new method of payment from another passenger who happened to mention it.

Anne Parry-Smith, 894715

Editor's note: The article said many Stagecoach passengers in Cambridge could use this service but not sure No 13 users can

Dear Editor

I have a question that I hope you, or the village historian, can answer for me. Why is the clock above what is now the dentist's house frozen in time? I heard previously that there is a village tradition that means it mustn't be re-set and made to work again but no-one has been able to verify this. I would love this to be true but is it more prosaic than that and it's simply that no-one has bothered to repair it and make it run?

Thank you in advance for any light you can shed on this mystery.
Dr Michael McLean, mcleanmichael@mac.com

OUR THANKS

Donation in memory

Dear Editor

My family and I, Dina, would like to thank all our friends for making my 70th birthday a success. For the lovely cards, flowers and presents, and especially for the kind donations of £145 to the British Heart Foundation in memory of Paul, my son, who passed away before Christmas.

Very many thanks to everyone.
Dina, Chalklands

Dick Whittington Pantomime

The proceeds from the panto were £480 and this money has gone to East Anglia's Children's Hospices.

Lorenzo and Tracey Zambrana would like to say a massive thank you from the heart to everyone who was involved with, and came along to watch Dick Whittington, for their help, contribution and support – it was very much appreciated.

Tracey Zambrana Roberts, 07508908735

Mother's Day Runaways

DO you dread Mother's Day, or find it full of sadness or grief? When everyone else is celebrating do you feel alone? There can be many reasons why Mother's Day is painful, and many reasons why we'd like to run away from it.

Mother's Day Runaways is a space for anyone who finds Mother's Day hard, for whatever reason – a space for grief, or sadness, or loneliness; a space where we can mourn what we have lost or perhaps have never had.

With music and readings to help us to share our feelings and experiences and time for quiet prayer and reflection to help us prepare for the day itself.

This will be from 7-8pm on Saturday 10th March in St Mary's Church.

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Dear Editor

Re: The Way We Were – By Garth Collard – February 2018
I read with great interest, as always, Garth's hugely informative article, the latest being on the history of The Queens House in Linton High Street.

Research into my family history suggests to me that my great, great grandfather Thomas Meeks (1837 to 1910), a wheelwright by profession, lived in the Queens House (then Barnet House) in 1893. Prior to this in 1891 he and his wife Phoebe were hotel keepers at The Crown Inn, this being opposite the Market Square at the time.

The Crown Inn was completely destroyed by a fire around this time and then moved to its present site. As a result of the fire I think, Thomas and Phoebe then moved to the Queens House which I was under the impression that he had purchased, along with number 4 Flint Cottages at the bottom of Mill Lane, Linton. However he may have rented the Queens House, as Garth appears to have no record of the purchase.

Paul Meeks by email

Dear Editor

I noticed that a letter in your February edition referred to an anonymous goose. I thought I would write to say I have observed Mr Goose being used as a term of address by many older and more formal Lintonians – whilst younger folks (more likely to be on first name terms it seems) seem to refer to him as, Gordon the Goose. I hope that this might help avoid any future embarrassment on the part of both Mr Goose and any Linton residents who might meet him.

D Leech, Symonds Lane

PLODDING ALONG An update on police matters

SOMETIME between 6.15pm and 9.45pm on Thursday 1st February a van was broken into in Symonds Lane, Linton. An interior light was ripped out but nothing was stolen.

Over a period of about a week from 26th January to 1st February there was a burglary at an address in London Road, Pampisford. A quantity of cash was stolen.

Lead from a Church roof has been stolen in the Linton area sometime between 8pm on the 21st January and 10pm on the 22nd January

If you see anything suspicious please call 101, or 999 if you are concerned that a crime is being committed or about to be committed.

PCSO Chris Wiseman, Sawston police station

Holy Week and Easter at St Mary's

25 th March, Palm Sunday	10am Palm Sunday Eucharist 6pm Stations of the Cross
26 th March, Monday	7.30pm The Cross in Music. A Reflection by David Parry-Smith followed by Compline
27 th March, Tuesday	8pm Space for the Spirit A meditative service.
29 th March, Thursday	7.30pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist with Footwashing
30 th March, Good Friday	10-11.30am Children's Easter activities, ending with Hot Cross Buns and Cocoa by camp fire in the churchyard 2pm Good Friday Service
31 st March, Saturday	7.30pm – Illustrated meditation on the Dead Christ in Art, by Rev Nicola Bown.
1 st April, Easter Day	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Festival Eucharist for all ages

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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 playgroup, 9am-12noon Monday-Friday LVC

Linton Granta Toddler grp, 9.30-11.30 Tuesdays term time LVC

Linton Granta playgroup, 8.30am-2.30pm Mon-Fri, LVC Storytime, 2-2.30pm Tuesdays, term-time Library

Granta duplicate bridge club, 2-4pm Tuesdays VH

Beacon Astro Football, Tuesdays, 3.05-4.30pm LVC

Beacon Red Zone Youth Club, Tuesdays, 7-8.30pm LVC

IT club-computer help, 7pm Tuesdays CC

Linton chess club, 7.30pm Tuesdays CC

Belleplate ringing, 7.45-9pm, Tuesdays (971057) URC

Tots in tow, 9.30-11am, Wednesdays term time only VH

Jelly Beans playgroup, 9-11.30am Thursdays URC

Doodle Dots under 5s, Thursdays 10-11.30am, CC

New Beginnings (with Baby Sensory), 1.15-2.45pm, Thursdays CC

Computer buddies, 2-4pm, Thursdays Library

Beacon drop-in Club, Thursdays, 5.30-7pm The Rec

Cricket club, 6-8pm, Thursdays LVC

Beacon Youth Group, 7-8.30pm URC

Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, 9.15-10am Fridays CP



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Community champions speak to local communities about home fire safety and escape plans, as well as referring those people who don't feel confident about undertaking a check of their own home. They may also be asked to compliment the service already being delivered by attending community events and providing support, as well as being part of our consultation community.

Community champions participate in training that enables them to develop interpersonal skills, enhance their CVs, make new friends and improve their knowledge of the work undertaken by the CFRS

No previous qualifications or specific skills are needed to become a community champion and we are always looking to build a team of people with different skill sets, backgrounds and abilities. The scheme is run by charity Groundwork on behalf of the service. To find out more about this scheme, contact Emma Prestidge on 01480 587140 or email emmaprestige@groundwork.org.uk

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Linton Jazz

LINTON Jazz rehearsals are in full swing ahead of the big annual concert to be held at 7.30pm on 17th March at Linton Village College.

Now in its 19th year, Linton Jazz is one of the village's most precious assets. Open to players of all ages and abilities, it enables a wide range of people in our community to get together and have great fun creating music.

One of the quirks of Linton Jazz is the variety of instruments it embraces, not all of which are traditionally associated with jazz. The current line-

up includes a violin, a French horn and a tuba. Linton Jazz makes no charge for playing at charitable events and has helped to raise many thousands of pounds since it was co-founded by Karen Sanderson, who is still its musical director.

The annual concert is the only time in the year when Linton Jazz raises money to cover its own expenses, enabling the band to buy essentials such as music, stands and microphones. Tickets £10. OAPs £5. Under 16s free. Licensed bar: www.lintonjazz.co.uk

Kate Kelly

2523 Linton Air Cadets

ATC Sunday this year was held in Newmarket and it was great to see that Linton's cadets made up a significant portion of the parade. As usual we displayed good discipline and high standards, and received many compliments.

February is always an exciting month as the plans for the year start to take shape. Training for our sector and wing field days is coming together nicely and we expect to do well in both competitions. As we move into March, things really start to move up a gear.

Firstly we have cross country and team sports trials. There are competitive wing-wide trials and I expect that many cadets will make the wing football, rugby and hockey teams. This is followed by an array of courses: the ELA qualification is a nationally recognized certificate in health and safety training, as well as Junior NCO courses; our newly promoted corporals spend a weekend on an RAF base learning how to lead a team and help keep uniform and drill standards high on the squadron.

This year we have a selection of camps to prepare for with 15 cadets attending Easter camp at Nescliffe. We have 10 places over two summer camps at RAF Cosford and RAF Northolt. We have also applied for several overseas camps including a week at Sennelager in Germany and we are hoping for many spaces on the RAF100 Aerospace camp at Syerston. Lots to look forward to.

CI Bradley Wright, 07943 873272
training.2523@aircadets.org

Guides' Jumble Sale



LINTON Guides' Annual Bumper Jumble Sale will be in Linton Infant's school hall at 2pm on Saturday 10th March. We would much appreciate your support by donating all the items you are turning out – clothing, bric-a-brac, books, etc on the Saturday morning from 10am.

To arrange a collection please phone 891925.

The Guides are a registered charity which benefits almost 40 local girls. We will definitely collect whatever and whenever we are asked.

Kate France, 891602

Linton ACES

THE next event is at 12.30pm on Thursday 8th March at the Sports Pavilion for a fish and chip lunch.

The talk is entitled The Piano Hoard, the gold found in a piano and tracing how it got there and who it belonged to. This has a local connection with Saffron Walden so come along and learn all about it.

Enid Bald

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BARTLOW 3 counties 3 CHARITY WALK

HOW are your New Year's resolutions going? Maybe not so well, like mine. Why not note Sunday 6th May in your diary, the date of the Bartlow 3 counties charity walk?

This year, our chosen charity is Breast Cancer at Addenbrookes Hospital. A charity that is very important to many local residents and, unfortunately, affects many of our lives and those close to us. We will also be supporting Linton Health Centre and Bartlow Church restoration fund.

This year will be the 15th walk. So far a staggering £141,752.00 has been raised over the years. All for local charities.

A fun one mile route is being planned, as well as the six, nine and 13.5 mile routes, across beautiful countryside. Can you manage to reach the point where the three counties meet?

Please look at our website (see below) for more information and for discounted on-line tickets which will be on sale soon.
www.bartlowthreecountieswalk.co.uk
Duncan Ogilvy, walk co-ordinator, 893644

Hetty Findlay

Hadstock Easter Bazaar

THE Friends of St Botolph's Church Hadstock (a registered charity) will be running an Easter Bazaar in aid of Hadstock Church ceiling repairs. The fundraising event will be held on Saturday 24th March in the village hall with the doors opening at 10am with free entry. There will also be an Easter egg hunt.

There will be an array of arts and crafts, jewellery and vintage collectables. Stallholders include local artist Sonia Villiers, Cambridge Open Studio artist Maureen Charles with her art glass and local silversmith Justine Jarman of Chilli Designs, as well as Rural Magpie with vintage collectables.

There will also be a raffle prize draw, the proceeds of which, together with the sales of teas and cakes, will go to the church repairs.

We do hope the event will be well supported by local people. For further information and stallholder enquiries contact me at karen@ruralmagpie.co.uk or ring 07803 052918

Karen Beaumont, 894292

Linton Repair Cafe

SUSTAINABLE Linton is delighted to announce their first Repair Cafe from 2pm to 5pm on 28th April, in Linton village hall.

The idea is to match amazing repairers with people who need stuff fixed...and all for free. You can also pick up ideas on how to fix things yourself, if that interests you.

We welcome: small household appliances, electrical items, computers, mobile phones, bicycles, clothes and general bits'n'bobs.

There will be a cafe on the day and other information and exhibits relating to living sustainably. You can turn up on the day but it's best to book your item in so the repairers have an idea of what's coming and any small spares needed.

To book an item in for repair, contact us on 892074 or email info@SustainableLinton.org. The repairers are brilliant and can fix most things but there are no guarantees.

For more information follow Sustainable Linton at fb.com/SustainableLinton

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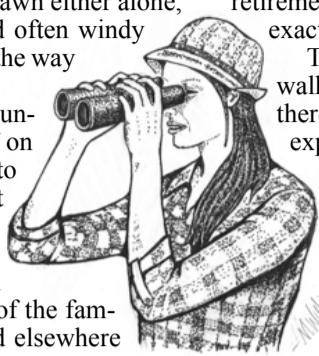
Bird watching

WHEN you think of the various ways there are to spend your free time, bird watching seems fairly harmless really. Him indoors thinks I'm bonkers to go off at the crack of dawn either alone, or with other nutters, into the cold, wet and often windy fenland or further afield to the coast. This by the way does not make us twitchers.

I believe twitchers are those who travel hundreds of miles for a rare sighting to tick off on their list of species seen. In the winter we are to be seen sitting in a bird hide somewhere in East Anglia, watching and listening to hundreds of swans and ducks and geese and gulls and waders and many others doing their thing. In the early dawn, the cackling and chattering of the family groups deciding when to take off to feed elsewhere is really a joy.

For the uninitiated a bird hide is a large shed, usually in the reeds, with benches and slats which open up so you can settle in with your binoculars and the occasional telescope.

There are scores of these run by the RSPB, the Wetland and



Wildfowl Trust and the county Wildlife Trusts. In one corner there is often a resident expert, whiling away his and occasionally her retirement, with a detailed knowledge of what is out there and exactly where it might be.

There is usually a notebook on hand, sometimes even a walkie talkie thingy enabling them to liaise with others if there is a goose count or some such going on. Luckily these experts are more than willing to share their knowledge with the likes of us and allow us to peer down their fabulous Swarovski scopes to examine the difference between a black tailed and a bar tailed godwit. Any normal person coming in would find it riveting I feel sure..

Other people using the hides might be photographers seeking that elusive kingfisher emerging from the pond and competing to get their shot into the various magazines. Then there are individuals like us, still learning and eager to chat about the difference between a curlew and a whimbrel and share what they have just seen. They may know more about birds than we do, but I bet they don't have nearly such a choice of goodies in their flasks and picnic boxes.

Hadstock all day breakfast

Thursday 19th April

AS has already been reported in The Linton News, a major fund-raising campaign has been underway to raise £30,000 to cover emergency costs to St Botolph Church, after it was found the ceiling was unsafe. The extra sum is needed to support the previously fully funded £60,000 renovation work.

Much has been achieved in the last three months and the Friends of St Botolph, as a group, has decided to hold a running breakfast from 6am to 2pm on the 19th April in the village hall next to the church. Something similar to this was run successfully sixteen years ago, when full English breakfasts were provided to the early bird commuters, children and parents heading to school, the more local working community,

those working or staying at home, those retired and those who just want to meet friends and pass the time of day. We have also catered to walking groups, groups of cyclists and others who pass through our village.

There will be no fixed price for the food comprising, egg, bacon, sausage, black pudding, tomato plus tea or coffee, toast and marmalade or cinnamon bun. A full English is usually charged at around £7 so we are hoping to see donations of £10 or more to assist us to raise as much as we can to complete the work on this 1,000-year-old building and bring it back to its proper condition.

We hope you can come along to enjoy the food, the company of friends and convivial surroundings in the knowledge that you are helping this project.

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For more information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Gill Boyden, 892746.

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2. WHICH of the following numbers are divisible by 11 – 6, 60, 600, 6666 ?
3. THE price of an item falls by 17% – what must be the percentage increase to return to its original price ?

Pot Pourri 154 - What was the exact time?

After 9 o'clock the hour and minute hands are exactly 180 deg apart at 9h16m 49.2s. Urania

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hildersham News

It's Teatime

COME for Easter Tea at Hildersham Village Hall, from 3 to 4.30 pm on 22nd March

Hildersham Lecture,

PATRICK HUMPHREYS will give a talk entitled *Cuba 2017* at 7.30pm on 23rd March at Hildersham Church.

This will be a short political history of the Island leading up to the Castro era accompanied by his lively descriptions, entertaining experiences and varied pictures taken during his extensive tour of the island in 2017.

Cost of entry is £5, including refreshments. Under 18s free.
For further details contact me on 01223 892848
or email catherinemeyer43@btinternet.com

Cathy Myer

March events at Wandlebury

Join the Wandlebury Adventurers Mondays at 6-8pm from February 26th onwards for five weeks.

IT is for unaccompanied children aged 8-12 years
The Wandlebury Adventurers Club takes place on five consecutive Monday evenings each term.

You can sign up for a year, a term or an individual session.
There is a charge.

- 5th March Fire Starter. (learn how to start fires)
- 12th March Carving, cutting and whittling to make spoons, pegs etc
- 19th March An exciting night walk. Bring a torch, but be prepared not to use it. We will be exploring the darkness.

Places are limited so please book in advance: 01223 892848 or enquiries@cambridgegeppf.org

To see the full Adventurers' Club programme for 2018 and more details please visit www.cambridgegeppf.org

Healthy walking every week

MEET at the Stable Rooms at 10am for a longer walk, 10.30am for a shorter walk. No need to pre-book but please arrive 10 minutes early to register the first time.

Spoon carving and whittling for adults on 17th March from 10am to 2pm.

CARVE items from green wood, learn safe knife use, gain ideas for purchasing your own tools and inspiration for future projects. Need to book and there is a charge.

Wildlife, conservation education and learning

25th March 11am to 3.30pm.

FREE event – donations welcome.

Hands on day of science for all the family at Wandlebury Park, part of the Cambridge University Science Festival. All welcome but all children must remain accompanied by an adult. Join us and local conservation organisations for fun activities and fascinating displays. We'll be looking into the amazing senses of bats, birds, amphibians, reptiles, invertebrates and even plants. Test your own senses and get out and explore the woods and grasslands on a sense adventure.

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The Marsh mail

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WIDESPREAD coverage of institutionalised sexism continues in the media spotlight. Amongst the stories of sexual abuse and harassment, the coverage has also highlighted inequalities in the treatment of women and gender stereotypes that persist, despite significant societal progress to tackle them.

Everyday sexism in schools has been the focus of recent research by the government, revealing some shocking findings. A report, published last year by Parliament's Women and Equalities Select Committee, outlined evidence that nearly 60 per cent of girls and young women aged 13-21 said that they had faced some form of sexual harassment at school or college within the previous year. It is disturbing that there were so many victims of unpleasant and unwanted language and behaviour, and that this kind of conduct continues in the 21st century.

At LVC we continue to address these issues through our Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) curriculum and seek to tackle and address casual sexism that can be perceived by students as *a joke*. We also continue to work on perceptions of careers aspirations through our information, advice and guidance and opportunities. Our March science week programme at LVC features talks from female STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) leaders, amongst other engaging events to showcase the subject.

Delivering a curriculum that reflects women's achievements starts in our partner primary schools with the study of influential figures, such as Mary Seacole and exploring parents' careers in non gender stereotyped professions, such as female surgeons, technology, engineering and maths leaders, amongst other engaging events to showcase the subject.

It has been great to see children of both sexes flourishing in our inaugural dance production, *Ignite*, last month, and smashing gender stereotypes. Solo performances by males and females and an all boy dance troupe were fabulous. Meanwhile, our under 16 girls' basketball team celebrated the title of district champions.

The introduction of an LGBT+ group at LVC for students to openly discuss issues relating to gender is an example of the safe and accepting environment that we seek to foster and support.

It is essential that all children, regardless of sex and gender, are able to thrive, flourish and achieve their potential at school and in life, without fear of harassment or limitation.

Helena Marsh, Principal

Bi-centennial celebrations

LINTON boasts many fine old buildings and one of them has a very special birthday this year. The current Linton Free Church building (there was a previous building on the site) was opened 200 years ago on April 29th, 1818, during the reign of George the third.



The URC in Horn Lane

Picture taken by Doug Irish

To mark the occasion special events will be held on Sunday 29th April. The morning worship at 10.30am will be led by Rev John Proctor, National General Secretary of the United Reformed Church, and in the afternoon cream teas for all the family will be served in the hall from 2-4pm. There will be material and leaflets on the long and varied history of the church, together with information on current activities.

Were you married in the church or perhaps you attended Sunday School or had some other connection? Do you have any memorabilia – if so do bring it along – we would love to see it.

The church boasts a lively, growing congregation with activities for all ages.

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The Way We Were

by Garth Collard

Local accidents

AROUND 100 years ago, apart from medical reasons, the main causes of death were road accidents, farm incidents, fire and drowning.

Horse-drawn wagons and early cars were the frequent cause of villagers' deaths and serious injuries. In September 1915 a boy called Hills was playing in the road by the Swan Hotel. As a car approached he ran in front of it and both front and rear wheels ran over him. Fortunately, he only suffered cuts to his ear and lower lip.

In August 1917 four-year-old Harry Ellington was playing at the junction of Bartlow and Horseheath roads when he was knocked down by a motor car and died soon afterwards.

Earlier that day Annie Howard, a 70 year old widow, was killed by a car near Carbonell's farm in Horseheath.

In January 1937 two students were killed in Withersfield near the green when their sports car was driven from a side road at over 40 miles an hour. They hit a Vauxhall car driven by Stanley Norton of Mill Lane who was the chauffeur to Dr Wilson. Wilson's car was knocked over

a ditch and into a hedge. Both students were killed. Dr Wilson suffered the indignity of ending up with his head embedded in a muddy ditch. Chauffeur Norton survived even though their car ended upside down since the car roof took the impact but the students' car was an open top vehicle. The doctor tended both students, to no avail.

In October 1937 Frederick George of 18 Balsham Road was cycling from Linton to Horseheath when a car collided with him causing fatal brain damage. George was 36 years old, married to Florence Kidman.

A similar accident occurred in April 1938 when Joseph Strange of Linton, who resided at the Water Hall (the cottages opposite the Vets), was knocked off his bicycle near Pampisford Station. He did not survive lacerations to his head, arms and both legs.

There were a number of accidents involving buses. Rupert Crawley of Linton sustained fatal injuries when his car collided with a bus in

Horseheath. In November 1928 when Arthur Swan was walking in the Hadstock Road and stopped to help a lady driver, he absentmindedly stepped out into the road and was instantly killed by another car, which he had failed to see.

Drowning in the river was also fairly common. In April 1920 Emma Eley was walking along Horn Lane when she met a boy crying. He took her to the river where she saw another boy lying face down in the water. He was undressed and his clothing some distance away. The boy had obviously drowned when he was swimming.

Mrs Ellen Porter of Cambridge Road suffered from depression; there was a history of mental illness in her family. Her grandmother had ended up in the lunatic asylum. In October 1922 George Morrell, foreman of the Myhill Granaries in Station Road, went to fetch a can of water around 9.30am and spotted an object in the 500 gallon water tank located at the end of the granaries. He called the

police and they found the body of Mrs Porter. She had secretly left her house earlier that morning determined on suicide. The inquest verdict was 'suicide whilst of unsound mind.'

However, not every water incident ended in tragedy. In August 1922 four year old John Stock from the Maltings, who was learning to swim, crept out of his house and walked to the Island – an area of very deep water in the Pocket Park. There used to be a flimsy wooden bridge over the pool and the boy slipped off. Fortunately, a sixteen year old lad called James Cottage of Wheatsheaf Cottage in Horseheath Road was going for an early swim. He spotted John Stock who was going under for the second time so James dived in to the rescue and saved the four year old. The Island was commonly used for swimming by many village teenagers.

Later, in October 1925, the Rev Charles interrupted a hockey match in the Meadow in order to present Cottage with a testimonial awarded by the Royal Humane Society. All the players gave three cheers.

Extracts from our Councillor's reports

- THE final options for improvements to the A1307 have been published and are going out for public consultation as of 9th February. The Mayor of the Combined Authority has indicated he is keen on looking at Rapid Mass Transit options (fast, driver-less buses in essence), which would begin at the A11. Please do make your comments on these as this could be the last opportunity to do so before decisions are made. www.greatercambridge.org.uk/
- THE Garfield Weston Foundation Grant is a new funding opportunity for capital funding towards new or improved community facilities in the UK. It's open to registered charities, places of worship and state schools. Details and how to apply can be found at <https://garfieldweston.org/apply-to-us>
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Parish Council Matters

Not an appealing way to spend time ...

ANOTHER week, another public inquiry ... this time it was the appeal against the refusal of the application for 95 houses on Back Road. Again, the parish council had Rule 6 status, so that we could present our own witnesses and question their experts, on the same footing as the barristers.

For this appeal South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) also opposed the planning application (for Horseheath Road, they did not defend against a reduced application for 42 houses, even though the planning committee had not considered the matter). SCDC and Gladman were represented by two of the country's top five planning barristers. Linton Parish Council (LPC) had Corrie Newell and me, backed by Cllrs Beatrice Ward and Kate Kell, with input from Chris Hine and Amy Smith. We had additional support from Hildersham, as they would also be affected by this unwanted development, and from Linton residents.

This inquiry had a very different feeling to the previous appeal. It was much more formal, based on policies, points of law and legal interpretation. It also took the best part of two weeks as the many witnesses presented and were questioned on their reports - we are not allowed to comment or make statements, but could only refute their reports through examination; this is not easy to do!

Landscape was the major reason for refusal, with every feature evaluated on whether the harm caused would be balanced by planning benefit. To put a more human face on proceedings, LPC raised more practical issues and local concerns. (The evidence that we submitted is now in the parish council office, if you would like to see how much work we did) For example, their landscape witness described our distinctive hilly and valued landscape as "ordinary", which, in the context of flat Cambridgeshire, it certainly is not.

Proceedings were enlivened by Hildersham residents - Paul Gray gave a vigorous demonstration of the traffic issues on the narrow and dangerous Back Lane, complete with models and scale-accurate vehicles. Jean Kelly questioned misleading naming on traffic data - which High Street? Just where is Laburnum Way? The redoubtable Miss Binney defended the Site of Special Scientific Interest's of Furze Hill and the protected verges. Fighting talk! John Bald spoke on the isolation of residents on the site and the effects on education. Beatrice had analysed junction data (using Gladman data for Balsham Road) to prove Linton was a commuter intersection, with Back Road a major route to avoid the A1307. Kate had recalculated the hydrology and questioned the efficacy of the SUDS, I concentrated on surface water flood-



Fields at Back Road planning application site

Picture taken by John Bald

ing and sustainability. Corrie, as well as being our major advisor, raised planning, historic and archaeological aspects - more being brought to light by the developers own excavations. Again, Mark Flatman was our very effective landscape witness.

On the day of the site visit, Back Road was closed - the inspector had already seen the traffic and would come again at peak times - so at least we were safe when viewing the site. The rain teemed down, so standing water was evident on the "bog over limestone" or carr, the flooding potential was noted and also the fact that that the protecting ditches behind the boundary banks had been very recently ploughed out ... The wind was so strong on Icknield Way (not the "cart track" as it is so disparagingly described in the planning application ...) that we nearly lost a councillor or two ...

Again, should the worst happen and the appeal is granted, we discussed conditioning. After negotiation, LPC gained the condition that construction traffic could not access the site using Balsham Road or through the Conservation Area. Also, that measures should be taken to avoid further erosion and damage to the protected verges along Back Road - these belong to the Pampisford Estate and encroachment upon them is actually trespass.

The results will be known in a few months. The basis of the judgement will be planning law, which might not be consistent with natural justice, but we did our best to defend the village.

Meanwhile we hear that there will be another application for houses in the same landscape area. Here we go again ...

Cllr Enid Bald

A Book of My Own

A BOOK of My Own is a small charity, founded by Garth Collard, former deputy head at Linton Village College, and myself, about 12 years ago. It provides books to children who would not otherwise have books of their own, with the child choosing the book. We provide roughly £1000 of books a year, and they can be anything from picture books for young children to textbooks for GCSE revision. Originally, we focused entirely on helping children in care, but have extended the scheme to anyone who might need books. We co-operate with schools and children's services, and are happy to receive requests at any time - if children can't get to a bookshop, their school or carer can use the library or Amazon to select the books, and we have them delivered.

The funding comes from donations following talks we give, from parents of children

I help with literacy problems, and from occasional grants, including £150 from the parish council in this year's precept. We are, as you see, not a big player in the charity stakes.

Our little organisation needs to grow, and the redesignation of the children's centre at the Cathodeon building provides an opportunity to make this happen. The building includes a beautiful library with computers, which is open until at least 5pm on four evenings a week and Saturday morning. The children's centre, on the right as you enter the building, is a large and bright room, but currently underused. The question is, can we make better use of both, and extend educational opportunities in Linton and the other villages that use our library and the children's centre?

I mentioned in my introductory piece as a parish councillor that I offer free tuition to anyone who asks me, mostly in read-

ing, writing and spelling, but also in basic maths and modern languages. The fact that this is free does not mean it isn't good - people come from all over the UK and Europe for lessons, and recent internet work has reached Athens, Mallorca, Falkirk, Durham, Yorkshire and Birmingham. Last Christmas, I received a lovely photograph of a PhD student in her lab, following a first-class honours degree and top marks in her MSc. I'd taught this young lady to read when she was 10, using *Alice in Wonderland*, a book the organisation has recently purchased for a pupil at a local school. The pop-up version is the best book of its type I've ever seen, and makes a wonderful Christmas present - Lewis Carroll would have loved it, not least because of the maths behind the stunning pop-ups.

So, would you like to join me? If you have free time, during the day or early evening,

and would like to help a local child with their schoolwork or homework, please let me know. There has been a lot of publicity recently about the benefits of individual tuition, but many parents can't afford it, as indeed my own couldn't when I was at school. The work is straightforward, provided you have a good level of education - GCSE is fine - and want to help. I can provide training, which will be based on seeing what in a child's thinking is preventing them from achieving as they and their parents wish, and showing them how to adjust their thinking so that they can succeed. As always, a parent or grandparent sits in on every lesson, so that they can follow it up - a key partnership, as without it, nothing can work at all. If you're interested, please contact me.

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