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## September road works in the High Street

WE have learned from the Parish Council that there are works planned to carry out a new gas installation from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September in the High Street. These works require a part road closure of the High Street between the junction with Balsham Road and the junction with Green Lane. This road closure has been approved by the council and the proposed traffic management plan is as shown in the map on this page. There may be changes to this plan after we go to press.

The work is to be carried out by the utilities firm McNicholas on behalf of Fulcrum. Fulcrum say that there will be advance warning signs and letters drop prior to the works to inform residents and local business etc.

Comments on this plan should be addressed to the parish clerk, the Village Hall, Coles Lane, Linton Cambridge, CB21 4JS, telephone 891001, email lintonpc@btconnect.com

### Diversion routes:

Note: these may change after the paper goes to press

Diversion 1 (Balsham Road / Parsonage Way / Granta Vale) Balsham Road, left turn High Street, right turn Bartlow Road, right turn A1307, right turn Mill Lane, diversion ends.

Diversion 2 (Bartlow Road Northbound Northbound) Bartlow Road, right turn Horseheath Road, right turn A1307, joins diversion 1.

Diversion 3 (Horseheath Road Westbound) Horseheath Road, left turn Bartlow Road, joins diversion 1.



Map of diversion routes supplied by Fulcrum

## Midsummer music



Linton children Felix and Mia making samba in the sunshine

Pictures by Josephine Paterson

THE 21<sup>st</sup> June was International World Music Day, and Linton Youth Music put on a magical Midsummer Musical Picnic on Camping Close. The first event of its kind in the village, it was a huge success.

Over 300 people enjoyed a diverse range of music from the Arco Iris samba band, village choirs, jazz and more. Children got to try out the samba drums and local band.

The Accelerants, played out the afternoon with music from the Arctic Monkeys to Led Zepelin via Mary Poppins. Music

for all.

With local beer, Ashcroft & Sons barbecue and Linton Kitchen tea and cakes, this really was a celebration of community spirit.

Thanks go to the sponsors, Igentics and Linton Parish Council, and to Emma Mason and her small team for organising the event. Almost £500 was raised to continue the work of the Linton Music Society,

which has been going for 50 years. Long may it continue.

If you want to know what else is planned please visit the website [www.lintonmusic.org.uk](http://www.lintonmusic.org.uk)

Lindsay Levine

## Bartlow church wall paintings finally restored

A TEN-year project to weatherproof – (new roof and tower refurbishment) – and restore the interior of St Mary's Church, Bartlow has come to an end.

The last step, the restoration of the medieval wall paintings, was completed on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July and the Church is now clean and already receiving visitors and worshippers.

At one time most of our churches had fully painted interiors (how many now?) and Bartlow's three paintings would have been part of a colourful collection of images that drew the eye this way and that. The fact that only three remain to us, reinforces just how important they are to future

generations.

Although a combination of damp, time and previous misguided conservation efforts have damaged the paintings, under the expert hands of Tobit Curteis and his multinational team of associates, the paintings are absolutely coming to life.

The church is usually kept open through the day and the wall paintings, in all their glory, can now be viewed at any time.

To appreciate the significance and meaning of the three paintings, come to the lecture to be given by the eminent ecclesiastical historian Rev Dr Lynne Broughton at 7.30pm on 14<sup>th</sup> October in the church. There will be a licensed bar

and refreshments. Tickets will be available nearer the date call Mollie Haggie on 892613.

The restoration programme has been made possible by a grant of £29,800 from the Heritage Lottery Fund along with several other grants, and funds raised through the Bartlow Three-Countries Walk.

Robyn Llewellyn, Head of Heritage Lottery Fund East of England, said: "HLF is delighted to support this fascinating project that will enable more people to understand and appreciate these very special wall paintings, which are so important to Bartlow St Mary's".

Graham Howat 891732

## Book your place at Carers' Away Day

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Cambridgeshire's Carers' Away Day 2014 is being held from 10am to 4pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at the Marriott Hotel in Huntingdon. This free annual event provides carers with the opportunity to take part in informal discussion groups with expert speakers, relax, get creative and have fun by taking part in a range of afternoon activities, and to visit the marketplace of information and advice stands. Lunch and refreshments are provided.

This is an opportunity to meet other carers and share your stories and experiences. Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. To book your place at the Away Day contact the Carers' Support Team by emailing [Carers\\_SupportTeam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Carers_SupportTeam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) or by

phoning 01480 377616.

There may be support for carers to attend the event so please ask for any assistance you might need to enable you to come.

For more information about the day visit [www.cambridgeshire.net](http://www.cambridgeshire.net)

Amanda Davies

## A community solstice

The longest days  
They went real quick  
With a cricket fun day  
And festival of music

And so the village gathered  
Many friends near and dear  
With the thwack of leather on willow  
And dulcet tones for all to hear

Cordial picnics divided  
Garden chairs and blankets shared  
Rock and Roll with The Accelerants  
As Led Zepelin was aired

The youngsters they bowled and batted  
Pals competing to score the most  
And watching on proud parents  
With a glass of chilled beer to toast

A real sense of community  
Hidden talents to the fore  
No wonder living in Linton  
Is something to adore

This was a poem written about the day and sent in by.....

Anil Kalbag

## Too good for jumble...

OVER 100 almost new Dunlop ping pong balls are on offer this month.

The four fold up garden chairs (two wooden - need painting and two green plastic) are still available as well as the Lexmark printer (all in one) - not for use with Windows7; a child's snooker table on a frame; 12 stacking metal chairs with black padded backs & seats; the Hewlett Packard Deskjet 930C printer with set up disc and a black plastic dustbin.

The table tennis table raised £10 for friends of Linton library, the bike sold for £50 for the Arthur Rank hospice and the smoothy maker made £15 for Macmillan Nurses.

To buy any of the above or to offer an item to profit a charity, please contact Kate France on 891602 or email [kfrance@profsoundconsult.com](mailto:kfrance@profsoundconsult.com)

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

# Linton's Little Explorers at the Tour de France



The Little Explorers make friends with the police

Picture supplied by Cheryl Ellam

LINTON'S Little Explorers were proud to be present at the heart of the Tour de France – a chance in a lifetime to celebrate this international event within our local community through first-hand experience.

The children started off the day by arriving in blue, white and red, they then chose a flag from different countries to have painted on their face in order to value multiculturalism and promote inclusion for some of the children that attend our setting. We had a delicious picnic before the entourage of support vehicles, media and the French police passed through, followed by the speedy peloton.

The local police were happy to talk to us enabling the children to understand that although they are people who help us, they also play a vital role of supporting community celebrations and events.

We were all on such a buzz from our trip that we held our own Tour de Linton with a procession of decorated bikes, hats and kazoo's to blow whilst cycling to do the school-run in the afternoon. We are so lucky to have a high adult:child ratio in order to plan and organise activities such as these.

Cheryl Ellam

## August bulletin from CFRS

WHAT lovely weather we have seen across Cambridgeshire, and long may it continue. Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service hopes you have all been staying fire safe with your latest outdoor activities, but just in case, here are our fire fighters' top tips:

- when out camping or using a tent, never use candles inside or nearby and always discourage smoking nearby. Never cook inside a tent.
- if cooking outdoors, keep barbecues on level ground, never pour accelerant on it and use it well away from fences, sheds and foliage.
- if you are having an open fire, build it well away from buildings, tents or other flammable objects and make sure it is properly out when you leave.
- when out in the countryside, extinguish cigarettes properly and dispose of them responsibly. Never throw a lit cigarette into a field or wooded area.

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Leanne Ehren, CFRS 01480 444558



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## Police panel meeting

THE main issues for our area are still burglary, speeding, road safety and illegal parking.

Local residents are encouraged to speak to their Parish Council if they feel there is a particular problem with speeding in their village and to consider setting up a speedwatch group made up of volunteers who are trained to carry out speed checks. Police provide the equipment which costs £2,000.

Anyone can ask for a police speed check by using the link <http://tinyurl.com/SCSpeedTeam>. Once the speed check is carried out the police will feed back the results to the Parish Council and, if appropriate, to speedwatch to help identify whether further road safety options should be considered.

Burglaries are still an issue. Operation Oaklands took place over four weeks from December 2013 to mid-January 2014. It may be reintroduced at a lower level. The police have visited 20 home-owner victims of burglary, rogue traders or theft since February, several were referred for further help from organisations such as the Bobby Scheme, Fire Service, or Community Navigator Scheme.

Police have identified priority businesses using internal crime statistics. This quarter they have worked with various businesses. Vulnerabilities are identified, staff are given training, eg how to spot shoplifters and retaining evidence and security advice is given. The integrated offender management team keeps an eye on local offenders to help prevent reoffending. Automatic number plate recognition helps catch out of town burglars.

Metal theft has gone down since the law was changed to license scrap metal merchants.

Shed burglaries are still a problem. A campaign was launched in June and a large advertising van visited key locations where shed burglaries had occurred. Crimestoppers volunteers and police staff gave out information and advice.

In Linton, security equipment and fencing have reduced the meeting of groups of teenagers in Chalklands. Paynes Meadow is no longer seen as a problem.

The police are working with Jim Meikle from Cambridge Fire re the fires in Camping Close. Two teenagers from Linton have admitted to starting a few of the fires and are being dealt with accordingly.

The road markings on the new loading bay outside the Co-op needs to be changed. The local police are liaising with the Police Traffic Management Officer and the Parish Council.

Parking on the pavement in Symonds Lane has been reported as a problem.

Speeding on Hadstock Road has been raised by a resident who may be interested in setting up a speedwatch group. Also speeding on Balsham Road, (near the Smith's Yard) has been raised by the Smith family due to the fact that one of their dogs was run over and killed.

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## Bring me sunshine...

IT was the ACEs Garden Party on 19<sup>th</sup> June, with over 50 people passing through for a cream tea in my garden. This event was to cover the travelling expenses for the Community Warden, who helps our older residents remain living independently in their own homes. So, for another year, she remains as our mobile warden.

We had fair weather, not bright, but at least it did not rain this year. The scones were from Boswell's and quite delicious. I had hoped to provide strawberries but the birds and weather thwarted me. The raffle was a success with an amusing end – the last prize, a photo frame, was won by Darryl Nantais our local artist and picture framer. A substitute prize was rapidly found. Thanks to all who brought prizes and items for the Bring and Buy stall.

We missed Cynthia Norris, who works so hard for ACEs and organises us so efficiently. We wish her a swift recovery. ACEs need a few more hands – so please consider volunteering to help us.

The next event will be at 12.30pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August, at the Sports Pavilion again. We were impressed by the facilities and atmosphere, and are pleased to be invited back. There will be a fish and chips lunch, with a speaker – details to be posted on the village notice boards. A mystery ...

Parking is available on the Linton Village College site. For transport, call me on 891069

Enid Bald

## PLODDING ALONG

### An update on police matters

BETWEEN 8pm on 9<sup>th</sup> June and 11am on 10<sup>th</sup> June the complete wing mirror and fittings were stolen from a vehicle parked on the High Street. Enquiries are ongoing.

At 5.04am on 11<sup>th</sup> June there was a report of shoplifting at a store in the High Street. Enquiries were conducted, the suspect was identified, arrested, and is being dealt with.

A number of vehicles were maliciously damaged in the High Street and Bartlow Road areas in the afternoon of 12<sup>th</sup> June. So far nine vehicles have been damaged. We are urging owners of vehicles who park on the High Street and Bartlow Road areas to check their vehicles for damage. If your car has been damaged, please telephone 101 and report a crime quoting reference number:- CC-13062014-0093. We have a suspect in relation to these offences.

Between the 13<sup>th</sup> June and 19<sup>th</sup> June – a vehicle parked on the High Street, Linton, was damaged. The passenger side rear wheel arch panel was scratched.

Between 2pm and 3pm on 16<sup>th</sup> June, someone had their mobile phone stolen from their jacket which was left on premises in Cambridge Road, Linton. Enquiries are on going.

Between 5pm on 26<sup>th</sup> June and 8am on 27<sup>th</sup> June, three micro scooters left on the Recreation Ground were smashed up and dismantled.

Between 6pm on 28<sup>th</sup> June and 12.30pm on 29<sup>th</sup> June, the rear windscreen of a vehicle was smashed in the High Street. The vehicle was parked outside the bakery and hairdressers. CCTV is being viewed and enquiries are ongoing.

Between 8.30am and 3pm on 4<sup>th</sup> July, a pedal cycle was stolen from Linton Village College grounds. The cycle is a black and blue, Scott Aspect 650 Gents Hybrid. Enquiries are also ongoing regarding this theft.

Between 7pm on the 12<sup>th</sup> July and 10.30am on the 13<sup>th</sup> July, a white van which was parked on a private drive in Symonds Lane, Linton, was broken into and various power tools were stolen.

If anybody has any information regarding any of the above crimes, please let us know as soon as possible.

### Police Surgeries

The next police surgeries will be held at Linton Police Office based at the Fire Station just off the High Street, as follows:

between 6.30pm and 8pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August

between 6pm and 7.30pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

PCSO Leanne Fisher, Sawston Policing Team

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*Anonymous letters will NOT be published but names and addresses may be withheld if requested.*

### Date changes for teas

Dear Editor,  
We have had to change some of the venues for Friends' of St Mary's teas.

We have changed them in the village diary and would be very grateful if they could be changed in the Linton News.

The tea on 5<sup>th</sup> August – will now be at 4 Harefield Rise and the tea on 20<sup>th</sup> August – will now be at 25 Dolphin Close.

Thank you.  
Alan Clarkson

### OUR THANKS

Dear Editor,

Colin, Hayley, Neil and Zoe would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who came to say goodbye to Sue on 16<sup>th</sup> June.

We found the number of people at the Church a fitting tribute to the truly unique and special person Sue was.  
The Elsom family

### Sue Elsom remembered

THE annual pre season Terry Wilson Memorial Trophy Tournament held at Fulbourn FC, is this year dedicated to the memory of Sue Elsom who recently lost her long and brave battle against a brain tumour.

Sue was always a vociferous supporter of football and particularly of this long established competition, which is held annually for senior teams in the Cambridgeshire Premier League.

The fixtures commenced on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July, with all first round matches being played at Fulbourn with a 6.30pm kick off. Linton played Foxton on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July and if successful will play in the semi-final on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August, with kick-off at 6.15pm at Fulbourn, with the final being played on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August with kick off at 6.15pm at Fulbourn.

All the proceeds will go in memory of Sue to the Arthur Rank Hospice, and I hope many Linton supporters will be able to attend at least one match to support this very worthy cause. If you have any queries you may contact me on (07748 556373) or bg.manley@hotmail.com

Brian Manley

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## A look at life in the Fens

A LIFE on the Fens was the title of our talk this month, the speaker being Peter Carter, a real character, and one of the few traditional eel fishermen left. His family can be traced back to 1475 and some were involved in draining the fens.

In medieval times fishing rights were obtained by supplying the abbeys with thousands of eels a year. Even today, every fenland church is supposed to supply a bucket of eels to the bishop.

An old fen legend has it that the Lord turned misbehaving monks and nuns into eels.

Many interesting slides depicted aspects of fen life and eel fishing and one showed 200 years of fen skates. Peter still gets a good catch and sells from his shop and markets, particularly to restaurants. He hates jellied eels, preferring them fried and still practically

wriggling in the pan.

Eel skin is used in the fashion trade, being stronger and softer than cow leather. Most of the fens are nature reserves and Peter works closely with the Environment Agency. He goes punt gunning for ducks and Canada geese, the latter being a problem. The gun is 11 feet long, packs a powerful kickback and gets a tremendous catch with one shot.

Peter is artistic and brought his artwork along for sale; he makes traps and baskets from willow. He has appeared on a number of TV shows and has written books, using a tape recorder as he grew up illiterate. When he met the Queen he spoke to her first (not done), after which they got on famously.

The speaker at our August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will be Trysha Hunt on her hobby of rock climbing.  
Sally Proberts



### Farewell from Jen Malone

WHEN friends and family ask me what I will miss most about Linton Heights, it won't come as any surprise to hear that it will, of course, be the children. I have spent eleven of my fourteen years in teaching at Linton Heights because of the delightful pupils who have come through its doors. I love that the children are so positive about their learning and rise to the challenges presented to them with utter enthusiasm, determination and pride.

I will remember Linton Heights as a happy school. Collegiality, respect and corporate responsibility are the foundations upon which great things have grown over the years. Building a strong team has been immensely rewarding and I am very proud to be leaving pupils and parents with the strongest team of teachers that the school has ever seen. As a result, the school community has been able to celebrate much deserved successes three years in a row.

I thank all my colleagues, the Governing Body and the PTFA for providing me with lovely memories to take away. I also thank Louise Clark, Caroline Derbyshire and the Heads in the cluster schools for the opportunity to work with you all.

If ever proof was needed that life experiences shape you as a person, it is being a Head in Linton village. I feel very grateful for all my experiences as I have learnt so much and have grown as an individual thanks to those varied experiences.

Best wishes for the future to all in Linton.

Jennifer Malone

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

**WEEKLY**

Conkers childrens' centre, 9.30am-12.30pm, Wed-Fri	CC
Whist drive, 7.30pm Mondays	VH
Chestnut baby/toddler group, 9.30-11.30am Mondays term time	CC
Linton Granta football bingo, 7pm Mondays	Pavilion
Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701)	CC
WEA, Tuesdays, 10am term-time	VH
Scrabble club, 10am-12noon alternate Tuesdays	CP
Linton Granta toddlers, 9.30-11.30am Tuesdays	LVC
Storytime, 2-2.30pm Tuesdays, term-time	Library
Granta bridge club, 2pm Tuesdays	VH
Table tennis club, 8pm Thursdays term time only	URC
Linton chess club, 7.30pm Tuesdays (893509)	CC
Granta duplicate bridge club, 2-4pm Tuesdays	VH
IT club, 7pm Tuesdays	CC
Tots in tow, 10-11.30am Wednesdays term time only	VH
Bowls roll-ups, 2-4pm Wednesdays	Pavilion
Linton radio race car club, 6-10pm Wednesdays	VH
Jelly Beans playgroup, 9-11.30am Thursdays	URC
Computer buddies, 2-4pm, Thursdays	Library
Crickets club, 6-8pm Thursdays	RG, LVC
Carpet bowls, 7.30pm Thursdays	VH
Bumps to babies, 1.15-2.45pm Thursdays	CC
Table tennis club, 8-10pm Thursdays term time only	URC hall
Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, 9.15-10am Fridays	CP
St Mary's church choir, 7-8.30pm Fridays	St Mary's
Bridge club, 7pm Fridays	CC

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**AUGUST 2014**

2 Farmers' market, 9am	LVC
4 Tenor bell rings 46 times, 8am	St Mary's church
4 Camera club, 7.15pm	Dog & Duck
5 <b>WI, 7.30pm</b>	<b>VH</b>
5 <b>Terry Wilson memorial trophy, 6.15pm</b>	<b>Fulbourn</b>
5 <b>Friends' of St Mary's afternoon tea, 3pm</b>	<b>4 Harefield Rise</b>
6 Reading group, 8pm	VH upstairs
6 <b>Police Surgery, 6.30-8pm</b>	<b>Fire Station</b>
7 No Lunch Club	
8 <b>Terry Wilson memorial trophy, 6.15pm</b>	<b>Fulbourn</b>
10 Lighthouse, 10.15am	URC hall
12 VIP group, 2pm	Chalklands
12 <b>ACEs Lunch, 12.30pm</b>	<b>Sports Pavilion</b>
13 Community Navigator, 10am - 12noon	HC
17 Walking group, 11am	Church Lane
19 Adult drop-in 10-12noon	Sawston Free Church
19 <b>Historical Society, 7.30pm</b>	<b>VH</b>
20 Cambridge Hearing Help, 9.30-12noon	HC
20 <b>Friends' of St Mary's afternoon tea, 3pm</b>	<b>25 Dolphin Close</b>
21 Parish Council meeting, 8pm	CC
30-31 Aztecs Fun Day,	LVC

**SEPTEMBER 2014**

1 Camera club, 7.15pm	CC
2 <b>WI, 7.30pm</b>	<b>VH</b>
3 Reading group, 8pm	VH upstairs
4 Parish Council meeting, 8pm	CC
4 Linton Lunch Club, 12noon	Red Lion, Horseheath
7 Farmers' Market, 9am	LVC

KEY: CC Cathodeon centre, CP church pavilion, D&D Dog and Duck, HC health centre, LH Linton Heights school, LI Linton Infant school, LVC Linton village college, RG recreation ground, URC United Reform church, VH village hall.  
**Library times:** Mon closed; Tue 10am-5pm; Wed 4pm-7pm; Thurs 2pm-5pm; Fri 10am-5pm; Sat 10am-1pm.  
**Linton refuse collection: 11<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Linton recycling collection: 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> Sept.**

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## Well done girls!



Chelsea and Catalina with their awards

Picture by Julian

TWO 2<sup>nd</sup> Linton Guides, fifteen year-olds Chelsea Reilly and Catalina Hyden received the Baden Powell awards on 14<sup>th</sup> July. Linton District Commissioner, Ann King, made the presentation at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Linton Guides meeting.

The girls began working for the award more than a year ago when they had gained two challenge and two interest badges before starting the BP challenges from each of five categories covering healthy life style, skills and relationships, global awareness, discovery, and celebrating diversity, then five further challenges of their choice from the different categories.

In addition to learning to knit, play the piano or swim, they organised an international evening for their patrols; contacted and learned about girls in third world countries; studied the effects of climate change and learned how to maintain personal safety at large events.

The final challenge was a BP adventure – a weekend at the Guide centre in Norfolk called Hautbois – where they camped with girls from different Anglia Guide units trying new activities and experiences.

Both Guides said they found it difficult to make time to fit in the challenges and persist with difficult tasks, but completing the Baden Powell award, the highest achievement for Guides, had hugely increased their abilities and confidence.

LNT

## LVC recognised as one of England's best schools

LINTON Village College has received national recognition for the value it adds to enable students' high achievement at GCSE.

A recent in-depth analysis of official Department for Education data on all state-funded schools in England by SSAT (The Schools Network) identified LVC's success.

The school has qualified for two SSAT Educational Outcomes Awards by being in the top 20% of schools nationally for progress made by pupils between Key Stage 2 results at primary school and GCSE results at age 16, and also in the top 20% nationally for high attainment, based on an average of the best eight GCSE results for each student.

The principal of LVC, Caroline Derbyshire, received the award at a regional celebration ceremony at Parkside Community College in Cambridge on 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of SSAT said: "Linton Village College should be congratulated for their exceptional achievement. These results are testament to the commitment and hard work of the students, teachers and leadership team."

Caroline Derbyshire, LVC principal, added: "We know that an outstanding education is about so much more than academic results, but we are proud to have been recognised once again as one of the best schools in the country, not only for overall achievement but also for adding value to students' learning."

For further information, please contact me at LVC on 891233 Ext 344 or tony.kelly@lvc.org

Tony Kelly

## Adult education

at Linton .....

LINTON Village College Adult community learning 2014/15 prospectus is now out.

It includes day courses on health & fitness, arts and crafts and languages. It also includes Saturday workshops on sewing and craft skills, mosaics, Indian head massage, photoshop, photography with your mobile phone, digital photography, British sign language, upholstery, floristry and Tai Chi.

To request an enrolment form, please call us on 891233 selecting Adult Education from the options menu or use extension 303. Please leave your details on the answerphone as the office is not always manned. Alternatively email us at adult.education@lvc.org

Enrolment forms must be returned prior to the course taking place as all courses and workshops are dependent on achieving minimum numbers.

For more details, look at our website www.lvccommunity.org, or write to Linton Village College, Cambridge Road, Linton, Cambridgeshire, CB21 4JB

..... or Sawston

THE courses include taster sessions such as animation with plasticine characters, languages, arts and crafts, computing and photography, dance and music, general interest, health and fitness, languages. There are also Saturday classes which include bricklaying, Indian cookery and many more.

To find out more, contact the Adult Education Office, Sawston Village College, New Road Sawston Cambridge CB22 3BP, or 712424 or email community@sawstonvc.org

LNT

## Eleventh Bartlow walk



Walkers range far and wide

Picture by Graham Howat

THE 2014 Bartlow Three-Counties Walk, held on 4<sup>th</sup> May, enjoyed wonderful weather and attracted 655 walkers, just 15 less than 2013, our all-time record 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

The walk this year raised £12,000 which has been divided equally between our three causes:

An Addenbrooke's cause – this year, Cardiology.

The excellent Linton Health Centre, so important to us all.

Bartlow Church restoration – an historic building preserved for future generations.

The organisers want to thank everyone who walked and contributed to this excellent result. Thanks are also due to the many local companies and organisations who contributed in financial terms or by providing services to the event. Prominent among these are Marshall Landrover and Barnardiston School (who have both supported us since the very first walk); ARM, Vale Properties, David Reed Homes and TWI; Ashdon Windmill Trust, who hosted an excellent walker hospitality point, and Linton Village College whose Sports Leadership course marshalled the route.

The 2015 Walk will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May so, walkers please put the date in your diary now. The Addenbrooke's cause for 2015 will be the Palliative Care Team and we look forward to spreading their message. As ever we will be supporting Linton health centre and Bartlow Church restoration.

Graham Howat

## Year 11 students arrive in some style



Abi Dixon arriving by carriage



Sam Kiddy stepping out of his combine harvester



Matt and Anya arriving at the ball by rickshaw.

All the photos supplied by Tony Kelly

GLITZ and glamour were on display as Year 11 students celebrated the end of their exams and five years at LVC at the Leavers' Ball. A large crowd turned out to greet the arrivals and see the parade of stylish and unusual vehicles which included a combine harvester, horse-drawn carriage and a rickshaw.

The entertainment featured a casino, disco, magician and mocktail bar plus a red carpet reception. "The atmosphere was wonderful, the students looked gorgeous, they all enjoyed themselves and they were a credit to their year group," said deputy principal Denise Hall.

LVC

## Fun day raises a grand total

THE sun shone for the Cricket Club Fun Day. As the spectators enjoyed the weather, over 50 boys took part in the single wicket competition. Lloyd Blackburn won the junior section with Joshua Murray as runner up. Elliot Murray took the prize for the senior group with Oscar Howard as runner up.

A signed photograph of the England cricket team donated by the English Cricket Board was auctioned and thanks go to everyone who donated the amazing raffle prizes.

The football club provided the bar and the cake stall groaned under the weight of home made produce. It was a great day and the total raised was over £1,000.

Thanks go to everyone who supported the event. If you would like to join the social committee, or have any ideas for future fundraising events, please contact Phil by email phillip\_stratton@yahoo.co.uk

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## LINTON COUNTRY MATTERS

Text by Julia Napier illustrated by Maureen Williams



### Butterflies are bouncing back

GOOD news – butterfly numbers are up. We may remember last summer's clouds but butterflies are out speed-dating whenever the sun shines. So far, the winner has been the chocolate-brown *Ringlet*, so-called for the little eye-spots which show best on its under wings. The dark wings absorb warmth from the sun even through cloud and it can fly on cooler, damp days.

On 25<sup>th</sup> June, 147 *Ringlets* were counted on Fleam Dyke by a Transect recorder. There were also 67 *Meadow Browns*, which is a slightly less surprising increase, as the *Meadow Brown* is the most common English butterfly. The darkish wings give it a similar advantage and new adults emerge all the summer.

*Small Tortoiseshell* numbers have so far increased dramatically – 52 were seen during that count on Fleam Dyke. This suggests that the parasites which have been plaguing it

are perhaps in retreat. *Sturmia bella*, which looks like a small house-fly, was first recorded in Britain in 1998. Possibly *Small Tortoiseshells* will now settle into a cycle of recovery followed by sudden decline as the silvery *Holly Blue* does on a roughly ten year cycle. *Peacocks* and *Red Admirals* also suffer from *Sturmia* but less badly.

Butterflies are seen as carefree, dancing in the sunshine and running races. In reality, butterfly life is tough, extremely competitive and often short. The zig-zag flight is intended to confuse an interested bird. Olympic speed or camouflage colours are other essentials for survival. Eye-spots are there to mislead predators. The bird dives for the head of the insect, which skips away with a ragged wing, like the *Marbled White* I saw on the



Roman Road recently.

When disturbed, a *Red Admiral* will fly straight at you, rattling its wings.

*Peacocks* can produce a hissing noise by scraping upper and lower wings together.

Sex is war in fancy dress. A male and female start courting, instantly other chaps join in. You can see the lead male turn to chase off the opposition and then rush back to continue his wooing.

Butterflies will try to bounce each other or even a small bee off a good nectar source. Male butterflies can fight, though carefully, with high-flying competitions.

In addition, there are many other parasites: bacteria, viruses and *Ichneumon* wasps, which look like little blue

black flies. Their grubs eat a caterpillar from inside. All in all, butterflies are no more carefree than anyone else, even without the present loss of their habitat. Despite good years, the steady decline in their number reveals the poor health of the environment we all depend on. Statistics can be used to defend them.

Join the big butterfly count, 19<sup>th</sup> July to 10<sup>th</sup> August.  
www.bigbutterflycount.org  
Julia Napier

#### Newsflash

A SWARM or flock of *White-letter Hairstreaks* was seen near Swavesey recently. They settled briefly all over the garden of a naturalist who said he could pick them up and look at them as they were so tame. Then all at once they took off and headed north. He searched his field notes and found that he had seen such a flock in the grounds of Wimpole Park in 1947, when there was a very hot summer.

### History society update

THE Linton and District Historical Society talk originally scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> June will now take place on 19<sup>th</sup> August, due to the delayed re-release of the film we were going to show. We will give a short introduction then show the film entitled of *The Guns of August* based on the 1962 Pulitzer Prize winning book by Barbara Tuchman.

This is the definitive documentary of the Great War using extremely rare archive footage and it tells the story of the lead up and early years of the Great War. The film shows the rivalry between the various Royal Families in Europe leading up to the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand and the failed attempts to avoid the war that followed. It then goes on to show Germany invading Belgium and France, and how incompetent leaders on both sides cost the lives of millions of men.

We do hope as many of you as possible will come to see this excellent film at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August in Linton village hall. All are very welcome.

Andrew Westwood Bate



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**POT POURRI 113**

**How many were there?**

I WAS noticing that a cast list had the names of boys and girls in the play along with their ages and that of the 50-year-old director.

The average age of the girls was (m) and that of the boys was (w). The average age of all (including the 50 year old director) is (f + m). If there were more girls than boys in the cast, can you determine how many there were?

**Solution to 112 – How many receipts?**  
There were three receipts for: £20.25, £98.01 and £30.25.  
Urania

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**What's on in Hildersham?**

**It's teatime**

*IT'S Teatime.* There will be an August break and Teatime will take place again on at 3pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September at Hildersham village hall.

The next Hildersham Lecture will be held on at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September in Holy Trinity Church, entry £5 or £10 family ticket including refreshments. Professor Christopher Andrew will give a talk entitled *Cambridge Spies*. This has been re-scheduled from the talk postponed in February.

Contact Cathy Myer on 892848 or [catherinemyer43@btinternet.com](mailto:catherinemyer43@btinternet.com)

**The Hildersham jam stall and EACH**

WE'D like to thank all our supporters in Linton; with your help we've raised £510 for EACH in the last 12 months.

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**Sawston Fun Run raises a huge amount**

LOCAL charities have been given £15,330 by the Rotary Club of Sawston District following the Sawston Fun Run and Walk in May. The cumulative amount donated to local Cambridgeshire good causes since 1986, when the event originated, has now reached £382,150.

Jon Culpin, Principal of Sawston Village College, and Sue Coles, President of the Rotary club welcomed charities, guests and Rotarians to the conclusion of the 2014 event at Sawston Village College

Sue thanked Jonathan for providing the venue and for the support from the college staff. She said 'The Rotary club was delighted it could organise the event, as the community clearly enjoyed the chance to come. That such a large amount of money has been raised over the years is evidence of the attraction of the event and we are pleased we can play our part in making it happen'.

Thanks were expressed for the huge support received from the event's sponsor the Cambridge Building Society and to other sponsors, advertisers, support organisations, local retailers and the marshals who helped on the day.

Jon Foster, Head of Operations of the Cambridge Building Society, expressed the society's pleasure at being associated with such a large community event, which benefited local charities. He presented the annual sponsorship shields to Catherine Viola, Freya Sutcliffe and Erica Banks, who raised the most funds, and cheques to local charities of which £5,000 went to the main beneficiary Arthur Rank Hospice

Granta School Linton received £900.  
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## The Derbyshire Post



DENISE Hall is retiring from her work at the college at the end of the summer, bringing to a close nearly 32 years of service. She has taught thousands of children in this time, many of their parents and a handful of youthful grandparents too. She started out employed as a teacher of Religious Studies, became a Head of Department, then a Head of Year, the Professional Tutor for teachers training at the school, Assistant Principal and in this, her last year, Deputy Principal.

I've had the pleasure to work very closely with Denise. If I ever needed information about the history of the college, I would always turn to her. If I was going to meet someone in the village, I would always ask her if she knew them and invariably she did. If you ever wanted to lay your hands on an old school document ..... well it would inevitably be found in one of her four filing cabinets, chock full of carefully organised information. Denise has been the queen of LVC operations. She has written the calendar, masterminded trips, events and parental consultations and made sure that transitions from primary to secondary school and secondary school to sixth form run smoothly. For many years she has been the first LVC person that new children meet and often the one they say their last goodbyes to at the Leavers' Ball.

When I tell people that I work at Linton, they very often ask me: "Does Mrs Hall still work there?", and when I confirm that indeed she does the usual response is: "I really liked her when I was there" or "she was an excellent teacher ... one of the best". And quite right too I say.

The good news for us is that we will not be losing Denise entirely because she has agreed to stay on as one of our governors. And, of course, as a member of our local community, we will continue to see her out and about - probably more so than we have done now that she will not be working at all hours.

Let me take this opportunity, on behalf of our community to thank Denise for her many wonderful years of service and to wish her a very happy retirement indeed.

Caroline Derbyshire  
Principal

### Don't judge a book by its cover

THE worst part of running a jumble sale is clearing up at the end when the day's energy is almost non-existent. Linton guides are fortunate to have an excellent clearer who takes absolutely everything, except books. After the last sale I had the books to clear.

Boxes of books were tightly packed into my car and being Saturday teatime and needing urgent clearance I headed to the nearest tip. I'd never dumped books before and my heart sank when I saw the recycling bin was like a large letter box, capable of receiving one or possibly two books at a time.

So I parked as close as possible to the bin, which unfortunately narrowed the exit for other vehicles. The first car to approach was a Mercedes, clearly too wide for the gap. As I continued busily posting books I heard the Mercedes reverse into the yard and stop. I briefly saw the driver get out, a big guy who looked as though he had just had a hard day on a building site and wasn't going to be messed about.

As he strode purposefully towards me I wondered if my end had come but continued posting books, waiting for the onslaught. "I was going to give you an earful about blocking the exit," he said, then continued "but I decided it would be better to help you clear this lot instead", and he promptly set to work posting books into the bin like a man-made whirlwind, helped a bit by my feeble efforts.

Thirty minutes later when we were down to the last few boxes he suddenly said, "These are LPs. They could be worth money".

"Well I think you should take them and if they're any good, you are welcome to every penny". I offered.

"No, no. If they're worth anything I can easily find Linton Guides and I'll bring you the money", he replied.

Kate France



## The Way We Were - a follow up to one of Garth Collard's articles

### Holttums shop in the High Street

AS Linton had a reputation for a healthy environment, in 1855 Richard Holttum, a grocer from Kings Lynn, moved to Linton to improve his wife's health and rented 31-35 High Street.

He paid £50 a year in rent and advertised his shop in the local newspaper, the Linton & Sawston Express. In 1869 he took over the post office which operated a telegraph facility enabling residents to send a 20 word message to Cambridge for 10pence (5p) and a message 200 miles for five shillings (25p).

Richard was able to undercut the prices of other shops by buying in bulk in the London markets and bagging up produce on the premises. He even blended his own tea and coffee. The shop had enormous cellars, cold enough to keep stocks of butter and cheese. He bought in 56lb blocks of cheese and cut them into manageable quantities. His best teas which sold at two thirds the cost of other shops helped to establish his reputation. His slogan was *Good quality produce at reasonable prices.*



Linton High Street showing the shop

Photograph from Garth's collection

In 1882 Richard bought the successful shop for £900 and expanded the shop to include vast stocks of clothing purchased in the northern textile towns which he visited twice yearly.

Richard's son Septimus managed the drapery, haberdashery, boots, shoes and blankets which were sold in the new extension at present day 33 High Street displaying

stock on the ground and first floors. A Christmas catalogue for 1891 listed the full stock of the shops together with prices, reduced by employing young apprentices who lived in the attic area of both buildings. The walls of the attics are still lined with the tops of wooden boxes which retain the names of the products printed and the names of boys who lived there.

The Holttums' also sold

ironmongery as well as being undertakers. As practising Christians they supplied coffins to the poor free of charge. He gave ten percent of their gross weekly profits to charity. Richard was a parish, district and county councillor and became a Justice of the Peace.

In 1919 the shops had 2,000 customers, partly because Holttums' vans delivered twice weekly to 14 local villages. In the 1920s his two drivers were William Allen and William Turner (father of George Seaman Turner).

Richard senior retired at the age of 88 and his sons Richard and Septimus carried on the business until 1945. They worked with two partners, Ronald Rule, a son-in-law and Ernest Bullman. They sold the business to International Stores for £3,750. The Holttum name was retained by the buyers who sold to Gateway in June 1986. In 1989 Burford Corner Flats converted the old premises into six houses. The parish council opposed the conversion and at one stage agreed to the demolition of the buildings.

### First World War remembered

AT 8am on 4<sup>th</sup> August, the centenary of the start of the First World War, the tenor bell of St Mary's will be tolled 46 times, once for every Linton life lost in this conflict. An effort is being made to get a similar ceremony carried out in as many churches with ringable bells as possible throughout the country.

For further information please contact me about an event on 3<sup>rd</sup> August at Hinchingbrooke House, Huntingdon.

Amanda O'Donoghue 07796336300

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*From 1<sup>st</sup> September we will open our doors to a new timetable, a new manager and a new administrator. Tara Hebditch is looking forward to taking on the role of manager but we do not know who will be the new administrator or what*

*services we will be offering. We are still appealing for people who have spare time on their hands and enjoy working with children to volunteer. If you would like more information then please call 893594 or email lintonchildrenscentre.gov.uk.*

*From a personal point of view, I have really enjoyed working in Linton for the last four and a half years. It has been a pure joy meeting families and watching their babies grow up into adorable young children. I shall miss Linton but will take with me fond memories.*

Debby Jepps

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/1266/14/FL Mr & Mrs Thorne, 56 Bartlow Road. Erection of detached annexe in rear garden of dwelling.

S/1325/14/FL Mr Indra Raveedha Care Ltd, Symonds House, Symonds Lane. Single storey rear extension to main building to create 5 bedrooms & courtyard.

S/1326/14/LB Mr Indra Raveedha Care Ltd, Symonds House, Symonds Lane. Single storey rear extension to main building to create 5 bedrooms & courtyard.

S/1358/14/FL Ms Virginia Albon, 70 Chalklands. Dwelling. S/1585/14/FL Mrs Sally Nickalls, Little Linton House, Little Linton. Construction of retaining wall and car turning circle, relocation of summerhouse and reshaping of ditch.

S/1588/14/LB Mrs Sally Nickalls, Little Linton House, Little Linton. Construction of retaining wall and attachment to dwelling, construction of car turning circle, dismantling, removal, relocation and rethatching of summerhouse.

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# Parish Council Matters

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## Swan bridge railings and the electricity substation colour

FURTHER to the article in last months parish council matters page on the colour of the Swan bridge railings and the electricity substation - you still have a chance to have your say.

Would you prefer that they were painted green or black?

We have received a small number of responses so far but you have until Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August to let us know your preference. Please see our contact details in the box opposite.

Parish council office



Picture by Graham Potter

## Full council meeting dates

THE parish council has decided to trial a reduction on the number of full council meetings it holds from two a month to one a month. They will be held on the third Thursday of every month and will continue to be held at the Cathodeon Centre commencing at 8pm.

Parish council office

### LINTON PARISH COUNCIL

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 21<sup>st</sup> August and 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014  
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## Councilminutescouncilminutescouncilminutescouncilminutes

ABBREVIATED minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

**Present:** Mrs E Bald (chairman), P Poulter (vice chairman), Mrs J Bumstead, Mr D Champion, Dr B Cox, Mr S Hill, Mr D Lissemore, Ms M Mannassi, Dr B Ward, Mrs J Wilson, Mrs T Coston (acting clerk) and Mrs M Strand (interim clerk). Mrs K France (press) and Rachel Fosberry (allotment association) were also in attendance.

**Confirmation of resolution from 5<sup>th</sup> June meeting** - election of chairman and signing of declaration of acceptance of office form: The resolution was proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Ward.

**Confirmation that all parish councillors had signed their declarations of acceptance of office:** All councillors signed their declaration of office forms.

**Apologies:** Mr B Manley, Mrs N Miller, Mr G Potter, Mr K Wakley and Mrs A Walker.

**Disclosures of interest:** Cllrs Hill and Champion declared a personal interest under the allotments item. Cllrs Mannassi and Champion declared a personal interest under the matters arising item as village hall trustees.

**Chairman's comments:** There has been an increase in littering and fires on Camping Close, the Recreation Ground and in the Cemetery. Councillors and members of the public were asked to report any incidents to the PCSO.

Linton Activities and Care for the Elders (ACEs) held a garden party to support the work of the community warden. The ACEs thanked the parish council for their financial support to the warden scheme.

**Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June:** On the village hall users group meeting, Cllr Mannassi

had sent an email to the chair asking to arrange an urgent meeting but a reply had not been received.

**Consideration of a review of standing orders and financial regulations:** To set up working group to review council policies and procedures. The review of the financial regulations will be referred to the finance committee with recommendations to full council. The standing orders will be reviewed by the processes and review group. The clerk would email councillors to arrange a meeting date and email all councillors a copy of the financial regulations and standing orders.

**Planning application S/0948/14/FL, 20 Cambridge Road,** erection of A1 retail units with access, car parking, servicing and two dwellings following demolition of existing building.

The parish council recognised the importance of having approximately 60 members of the public attending the planning meeting. Cllr Poulter would write an article for the Linton News with a report about the planning meeting. The clerk will make sure that the website has information about the planning application to inform the residents about important dates and news. The parish council agreed to recommend refusal with all the comments made in the planning committee meeting. (Approved Cllr Champion and seconded Cllr Ward, all in favour).

**Written reports from district councillors:** The parish council welcomed district councillor Henry Batchelor. Cllr Batchelor confirmed that the planning application on Cambridge Road would be called in and a site visit by South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) planning committee would be requested. Cllr Batchelor would speak to SCDC about which houses were carded, as there were concerns to the extent of this. Cllr Batchelor was also made aware of the Bartlow Road food

outlet application, and that there were issues relating to this.

**Written report from county councillor:** County Cllr Hickford had sent a written report and he was not present at the meeting. The report stated that highway issues should be logged on the website and also be made to the parish council office. Cllr Hickford had met Nicola Burden (Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) local highway officer) and discussed the highway issues in the village. The parish council questioned why Cllr Hickford was having a meeting with highways without inviting a representative from the parish council. Cllr Hickford should already be aware of all of the issues and problems as he is copied Linton parish council minutes and traffic working group reports. Cllr Lissemore to draft a response to Cllr Hickford.

**Update on Allotments:** A meeting was held with Paul Orton (landscape designer), Rachel Fosberry and Enid Bald. The parish council had agreed finance to draw up a correct design and plan, to include screening, etc, for the potential allotments site. The plan is on the land owned by the Diocese of Ely. The parish council confirmed that Mr Balaam has been approached about allotment land. Rachel Fosberry offered that the Linton Allotment Association was willing to take on some of the tasks to move the project forward. Soil testing is not required. The Diocese meets in mid-September. The parish council is to meet highways to discuss the access to the allotments. An accurate diagram is required and the landscape designer will measure the field and mark the suggested access on the plan. The requirements for a borehole is to be investigated.

**Update on the Neighbourhood Plan:** Information to be put into Linton News about forming a steering committee. Cllr Poulter is going to attend a meeting at Hildersham to discuss progress

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with them. Community engagement is very important and the website needs to be improved to keep the community up to date with information. A group of 'Community Engagers' are required to represent a range of village interests. Cllr Lissemore and Cllr Bumstead agreed to be on the Neighbourhood Plan working group. Councillors are to ask local residents if they would like to get involved in the Neighbourhood Plan.

**St Edmundsbury Borough Council - Haverhill Vision 2031:** A detailed submission was sent objecting to the main modifications. 1,100 houses have been approved by St Edmundsbury, but these have conditioning that they cannot go ahead until the relief roads are built. The Linton parish council submission objected to these roads as they will only route more traffic onto the A1307. A meeting will be arranged with Cllr Batchelor to update him on Haverhill Vision 2031, and other village issues.

**Consultation on transport strategy in Cambridgeshire:** Cllrs Hill and Wakley to make public transport comments and circulate.

**Written reports from council representatives:** Traffic and parking working group - Cllr Bald: A list of actions were made by the working group. The parish council approved (proposed Cllr Ward, seconded Cllr Hill) that the points could be forwarded to Nicola Burden and David Lines at CCC asking for their rapid attention.

Leadwell Meadows - Cllr Cox: The issue of the tent to be raised with the PCSO. Cllr Cox had removed the dead trees. The grass cutting contractors have been spoken to and a meeting will be arranged to discuss the contract generally. The possible reinstatement of the pond is being looked at within the flood review. Cllr Ward will assess the trees. Estimates to be obtained for the gate repairs. Possible way leave payments need clarification. Cllr Mannassi to organise a meeting with the grass contractors.

**Leadwell Meadows (off of Mill Lane) which has now been cut**



Picture by Graham Potter

**Recreation Ground, rubbish and litter problems:** On the previous Sunday morning eight bags of rubbish were cleared from the play area. Cllrs Wilson and Bumstead were thanked for clearing the rubbish. Notices required to remind people that they are liable to a fine if litter is dropped. Report the problems to the PCSOs, check the CCTV camera for information, talk to Linton village college about educating the students, speak to Barry Easton (youth worker).

**Correspondence received for consideration:** Local Highway Improvement Initiative - applications invited. The disability access and safety report to be updated and submitted (without the tarmac area) following advice from David Lines.

SCDC - request to cut back trees and shrubs in Cemetery

grounds backing onto Chalklands. Cllrs Bald and Ward had a site visit to Chalklands and the Cemetery. The old wardens house has a high leylandii hedge, large pine tree and bushes on their side of the fence, so are the responsibility of SCDC. Some dead elms and an overhanging branch to be cut back the cemetery side, by Linton parish council. Cllr Ward to refer back to SCDC.

Cllr Hickford meeting with Hildersham parish council regarding Back Road - request for councillors to join the meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm. Cllrs Manley and Bald to attend if available.

Mr Kotschy regarding Leadwell Meadows - all covered in report from Cllr Cox.

Mr Leech regarding speed limit for Symonds Lane - to be referred to CCC and Cllr Hickford for action.

ABBREVIATED minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014.

**Present:** Enid Bald (EB) (chairman); Paul Poulter (PP) (vice chairman); Jan Bumstead (JB); David Champion (DC); Simon Hill (SH); Brian Manley (BM); Graham Potter (GP); Keiran Wakely (KW); Alison Walker (AW); Beatrice Ward (BW).

Clerk: Marilyn Strand & Tracy Coston.

**Apologies:** Dr B Cox, Mr D Lissemore, Ms M Mannassi, Mrs N Miller, Mrs J Wilson and Mrs K France (press).

**Disclosures of interest:** Cllrs Hill and Champion declared a personal interest under the allotments item.

**Chairman's comment:** The Newdigate House planning application had been withdrawn, although the parish council had not yet received an official notification of this. A South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) planning committee site visit noted that the application was not feasible. Following permission of the applicant, it had now been referred to the design and enabling group for review. This means that the parish council may have a further chance to have input in the future.

Meetings with Hildersham parish council regarding Back Road and the A1307 had been very positive. Working together on the Neighbourhood Plan was proving to be beneficial to both councils.

The parish council is to look at more effective ways to circulate information around the village in the quickest way possible. IT and communications group follow-up meetings are to be arranged, with the first meeting to include an invitation to a representative of the Linton News to attend.

'Tour de Linton' is due to be held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Please support this village fundraiser if you are able to.

There have been approximately 20 applications in the South Cambs area for solar farms, with some concern over loss of farmland.

Following comments at one of the meetings with Hildersham, it is to be noted that Mr Nigel Blazeby, development control officer at SCDC, has confirmed that comments from Linton parish council on planning applications are considered and taken seriously.

**Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June:** Cllr Manley asked if a meeting of the village hall users group had been arranged. A reply from the chair of trustees had still not been received. Action: Cllr Champion to contact the chair of trustees to arrange an urgent meeting.

Cllr Manley asked if a reply had been received from SCDC to the letter sent by the parish council regarding the dental practice, 2 High Street. No reply had yet been received and therefore a reminder is to be sent. Action: Cllr Champion to send a reminder to Nigel Blazeby asking for a reply to the letter which was dated 10<sup>th</sup> June.

St Edmundsbury Borough Council - Haverhill Vision 2031. Cllr Manley asked if a meeting had been arranged with Cllr Batchelor to discuss this and other issues. No meeting had yet been arranged. Action: clerk to arrange a meeting with Cllr Batchelor to update him on Haverhill Vision 2031, and other village issues.

Cllr Champion asked if it was possible that when the parish council meets with highways regarding the allotments, it could also look to resolve the problem with parking. This item is already

on the report of the traffic working group (TWG) of 19<sup>th</sup> June. A meeting should be arranged with David Lines to discuss the findings of the TWG.

Recreation Ground. Cllr Champion had met with the PCSO who said that littering should not be reported to the police on the 101 number. There had been vandalism to three micro scooters on the recreation ground on 27<sup>th</sup> June. CCTV record requested by PCSO. The PCSO confirmed there had been an arrest made regarding the vandalism to eight cars in the High Street last month.

Local Highways Improvement Initiative. Cllr. Bald confirmed the application was in progress with one further recommendation to be added and submitted. Action: clerk to submit the application to highways.

**Update on allotments:** A detailed plan had not yet been received from Paul Orton. This will need to be submitted to Ely Diocese before their meeting in mid-September. Action: clerk to send a follow-up email to Paul Orton asking for the progress of his plan.

**Update on the Neighbourhood Plan:** Two volunteers from Hildersham parish council have been identified to work on the Neighbourhood Plan with Linton parish council following the meeting held the previous week. Hildersham parish council has some very good ideas on how to circulate information to the village which could be considered for use by Linton parish council.

**Back Road issues and proposed letter to Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC):** Cllr Manley reported on the issue of imposing a weight limit onto Back Road. He stated that he did not believe this would have any impact on Linton as a whole, as there are already weight limits on the A1307, the High Street, and all roads into Abington. At a meeting with Hildersham parish council the erection of deterrent signs was proposed and a letter sent to David Lines requesting these.

**Correspondence received for consideration:** Anglian Water request to fit double lock on Meadow Lane Recreation Ground gate. Approved. Proposed by PP and seconded by BM. All agreed.

Uttlesford District Council - proposal for site at Bowsers Lane, Hadstock. Decision: Refused. Noted.

CAPALC clerk's annual catch-up day 11<sup>th</sup> July 2014 - consideration for interim clerk to attend. Approved. Proposed by BM and seconded by JB. All agreed.

Mr S Taylor regarding road/vehicular issues over Dalehead Foods. The parish council might have some influence over the possibility of a change of post code. Action: clerk to write to Mr Taylor confirming that Linton parish council support him in this matter and that it will take advice from David Lines at CCC as to what can be done to help.

CCC - information regarding metal gully across pavement near Sweet Talk News. This is the responsibility of either the homeowner or highways. However, highways have stated that this is the responsibility of the homeowner. Cllr. Bumstead suggested writing to the homeowner explaining that this is not a matter for the parish council but giving them advice regarding help from the Citizens Advice Bureau or Age Concern. This was agreed by all. Action: Cllr Bumstead/clerk. Cllr Bumstead will research into the help available and feed back to the clerk for a letter to be sent to the homeowner.

Ms J Kinsey - Complaint on Cemetery grass maintenance. A response will be sent following the meeting with Valley Grounds care taking place on 4<sup>th</sup> July.

Cllr B Ward - Churchyard Monday Gang request for communal tools. The Monday Gang had asked if it was possible for the parish council to provide tools for the work they carry out in the churchyard. The parish council is very grateful to the Monday Gang who do a splendid job maintaining the churchyard on its behalf, saving the council money. As the churchyard remains the responsibility of the council it was agreed that tools should be provided. The clerk will ask the Monday Gang to provide a list of tools needed, together with a budget of the likely cost.

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

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