

Linton Infant School P.T.F.A is holding a Quiz Evening at 7.30pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February, See page 5

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## A frozen honour

ON 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 Linton resident Joan Smith learned that she had had a glacier named after her – Smith Glacier – by the Antarctic-Place names committee. No, she had not trekked in cold climes and risked life and limb there. What she had done was to ensure that all the data of the research groups working for the British Antarctic Survey (BAS) was archived and stored safely for future reference. She was in fact one of the major archivists of our times.

Joan received a degree in history from Liverpool University where, incidentally, she met her husband Maurice, who is a retired veterinary surgeon. She then started on the road to her profession by taking a postgraduate diploma in the study of records and archive administration.

She had a varied career as an archivist in such places as Glamorgan, Liverpool, Chester, Huddersfield, Uganda and Trinidad before coming to work in Cambridge. When she started work with BAS in 1979 the collections were undocumented so she started by making card indexes for each of the groups working for BAS. Joan had contact with Cambridge museums and saw that their methods of computer listing could be adapted for use by BAS. This was later extended to joint working with their computer programs and encouraging the development of professional archiving methodology in the new field of scientific record keeping. In addition she organised the building of a new archive store when it became apparent that more space was needed. It was under her guidance that BAS was established as a recognised depository for all records of UK national operator activity in Antarctica by the UK National Archives. She retired from BAS in 1991.

She was a founder member of several



Joan Smith after whom Smith Glacier was named

Picture taken by Ron Pitkin

groups such as the Specialist Repository Group, the Information Technology Group of the Society of Archivists and was a Director of the Records Management Society.

She is still known as a pioneer in the field of archiving and it is for this reason and her work for BAS that she had the glacier named after her.

Joan is also well-known in the village having been a founder member of the Linton News, a school governor for Linton Heights and now for the Linton CE Infant School and a one-time parish councillor then district councillor.

Fran Armes



## Bartlow Three-Counties charity walk



Some of the walkers enjoying last year's walk

Picture supplied by Duncan Ogilvy

DID you make a New Year resolution? Maybe getting out and about as a family – or possibly taking more exercise. Either way we have something for you on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

The Walk will support three charitable causes, Linton Health Centre Community Fund, Bartlow Church restoration and *Dancing for Health*. Health professionals at Addenbrooke's have joined forces with a professional dance artist to develop this pioneering project, which offers older people tailored music and movement workshops in hospital.

Walkers can select from the 13½ mile walk to the point that Cambridgeshire, Essex and Suffolk meet, the family friendly nine mile route that embodies much of the scenery but is a bit less taxing and a six mile option which follows the nine mile route but offers a bus home from Ashdon windmill.

We have a new route for the one mile nature trail for those, young and old, for whom a six mile walk is a bit too much. We promise a stimulating route for all ages.

There will be hospitality enroute – including refreshments for dogs and humans and strategically placed toilets.

There is food and drink in the farmyard and a real party atmosphere with activities for the kids, a bar for the adults and live music for all.

In subsequent articles we will add further details of our 2017 good causes and more details about the event.

Duncan Ogilvy, Walk Co-Ordinator 893644 or www.bartlow.org.uk

**TESCO Bags of Help**  
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TESCO is inviting local community groups, green space projects and other organisations to apply for their share of a £12million carrier bag charge fund.

The supermarket has teamed up with the charity Groundwork on its Bags of Help initiative, which sees the money raised from the 5p bag levy being used to pay for a large number of local projects to improve green spaces in communities.

Tesco customers will decide on a monthly basis which groups get grants of up to £5,000, £2,000 and £1,000 in regions up and down the country.

It is expected that the new monthly format will see more than 100 projects receive vital funding across Cambridgeshire every year. Funding will be awarded to projects that use and develop outdoor spaces in ways that will benefit their local community. We've already seen local groups, schools and charities benefit and look forward to seeing many more exciting projects come out of this initiative.

Find out more about how to bag your share or nominate a good cause at www.groundwork.org.uk/tesco

## Linton Jazz annual concert



Picture top is of flautist Karen Sanderson and below just a few of the members of Linton Jazz

Pictures supplied by Linton Jazz

LINTON Jazz will be playing the rarely performed jazz symphony *To Russia with Jazz* at their annual concert in March. Flautist, Karen Sanderson used to play the piece by Bob Cranham, when she toured with the National Youth Jazz Orchestra (NYJO) as a child.

Now the leader of Linton Jazz, a 30-piece jazz orchestra which is in its eighteenth year, she is bringing the symphony to a new audience.

The Linton Jazz annual concert will take place at 7.30 pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March at Linton Village College. Tickets £10



(£5 OAPs, children under 16 free) are available from Karen on 07748 917513 or on the door. Doors open at 7pm. Licensed

bar available.

For more information go to www.lintonjazz.co.uk

Kate Kelly

## Planning update for houses off Horseheath Road and Back Road

AN application for 50 houses and 18 to 20 allotments sited off Horseheath Road on the field adjacent to Lonsdale will come to South Cambs Planning Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> March for decision.

This is just the latest in what could be a long list of planning applications for developments on the edge of Linton. An application for 55 houses along Bartlow Road adjacent to the A1307 has already been approved, in spite of strong opposition from residents, the Parish Council and your district councillors. The District Council has also received an application for 95 houses along Back Road, from the BT building past The Woodlands.

All these applications would, in normal circumstances, be automatically refused because they are against a whole host of the District Council's planning policies. For example, they are outside the village boundary, in open countryside where development is not allowed, there are too many houses to be sustainable given the level of infrastructure the village provides, our schools are full and the A1307 is at capacity at peak times.

Why is this happening? It is happening because the District Council has failed to meet the devel-

opment targets set by the government, which means that most of their planning policies have been suspended until they do so. On present performance that is unlikely to happen until 2020. This has led to open season for prospective developers who are rushing to get in as many applications as possible.

What can we do? We need to make it clear that this situation is unacceptable. It is irrevocably damaging the historic village character of South Cambridgeshire that makes our area such an attractive place to live. You can do this by registering your objection to planning applications as they come in.

Go to the council website <http://plan.scams.gov.uk/swiftlg/apas/run/wphappcri-teria.display?type=the+following+reference+numbers+and+hit+search>. The reference for the current Horseheath Road application is S/2553/16/OL and the reference for the Back Road application is S/0096/17/OL.

Henry Batchelor, 892111, District Councillor

Editor: See also the article on page seven

### ..... Make your views known here and in Parliament .....

THERE will be a public meeting at 7pm on 15<sup>th</sup> February in the Village Hall to discuss the planning application for 95 dwellings on Back Road. All members of the public are welcome.

In addition in view of our vulnerability due to lack of both a Strategic Plan from SCDC and a

Neighbourhood Plan from the PC it has been suggested by a reader that people might like to sign the petition to *Give communities back the right to decide where houses are built* at <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/177333>

## Too good for jumble...

THERE are two computer desks on offer this month, one is a commercial desk 70cm high x 170cm at the wider end and 80cm at the narrower end. The other is 80cm wide x 40cm deep on castors. There is also a white-wood bathroom cabinet with double mirrored doors, two shelves (27in high x 22in wide x 10in deep).

Also available are the Pro Classic 300 exercise machine in good condition, the Writers Bureau Course in ten sections with a punctuation and spelling guide, and a quantity of oak and white wooden Spur shelving 1m or 80cm x 2.5cm.

To buy any of the above or if you have an item to profit a charity, please contact Kate France on 891602 or email [kfrance@prof-soundconsult.com](mailto:kfrance@prof-soundconsult.com). NB: The donor chooses the charity to receive the money.

*I recently had an enquiry about a bed for sale. I am not in a position to take any items as this column is to raise money for charity by putting donors in touch with possible purchasers.*

*There are several voluntary groups keen to collect unwanted beds, mattresses, wardrobes, chests of drawers, tables and chairs as well as some electrical items including Reach Furniture Bank, Haverhill (01440 268003), Cambridge Reuse (576535) and Emmaus (863657) but it is important to remember that mattresses and upholstered furniture must have a fire retardant label.*

*Note also that OWL (Opportunities Without Limits) wants bicycles to train people to repair and recycle bicycles (07874 874039).*



## Forest School sessions at the Heights

A NEW calendar year brought with it a new learning experience at Linton Heights Junior School – the introduction of Forest School sessions.

As mentioned in the October edition of Linton News, an outdoor learning area has been created and developed at the Heights over the summer and autumn of 2016. Now this area, comprising an outdoor theatre/ small scale amphitheatre, nature garden, mound area and den building zone, has been put to good use.

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January, the first Forest School session at the Heights took place, under the watchful and indeed inspirational eye of Mrs Tere Mitchell and Mr Simon Short, both of whom are currently Forest School trained leaders at R.A. Butler School in Saffron Walden.

Activities in the afternoon session for Mr. Wilson's year 4 class included a blindfold gym trial, marshmallow toasting, mud kitchen playing, mini den building (for plastic figures) and actual den building. The latter was a particular success. For the boys, speed in den construction was the primary concern, whilst the girls favoured creating beautifully elaborate, inter-woven wooden constructions. One of the girls' creations even included a den with a driveway, which was flanked by log figurines.

Thanks to the leadership of Tere and Simon and the generosity of Tesco, who have part funded this area, the children have and are scheduled to have an excellent enriching outdoor educational experience in our Forest School area. From my perspective, it was lovely to see the children working so well with one another and learning new skills at the same time.

In an eight weekly cycle, each of the classes will enjoy a Forest School lesson. Comments from the children included:

Katie: "I am really excited about getting stuck into Forest Schools. The activities were great. I have never done these things before."

Amy: "The den building was really cool and it is brilliant to get out of the classroom to do some learning!"

Alec: "Ours is the best den. I wouldn't mind staying the weekend in it."

Rhylee: "I can't wait for our next Forest School session."

James Puxley, Headteacher

## Thoughts from the younger generation

*WE may be a small island, though we can make our voice big. Since the American election and Brexit some people have been celebrating and some have been grieving. Personally, I think there are lots of things that can be changed and we can make this world a better place. We simply need to come together as a world not saying things like, "you're one country and I am another completely different country." We can tackle small problems for example, coming together, even now Brexit has pushed us apart. We are still one people, one big world that has been around for trillions of years. We can also tackle bigger things like global problems and political problems. Even if you think, "I am just a small person on a planet of billions that I can't make a big difference", you need to think again. Everybody can do something and it all adds up.*

*If we work as people we can fix things, we just need to spread the word that we want to unite the world and fix the big problems together, though not ignoring the small ones. We must try to make the senior people listen and understand so they can do something that we as citizens would like to see happen. If they hear our ideas, they can make it reality. With your help we will make this world a better place.*

Henrietta Newble, Age 10

## Adult Community Learning Linton Village College

WHY not come to one of our new Spring Term Saturday Workshops which are as follows :-

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February

- Introduction to German language and culture
- Emergency first aid at work (certified)
- Spreadsheets for beginners

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February

- Indian Cookery
- Upholstery or emergency paediatric first aid (certified)

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March

- Silk printing

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March

- Emergency first aid at work (certified)
- Make a felt picture

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March

- Make a felt bag
- E-mail in a day
- Emergency paediatric first aid (certified)
- Introduction to Italian language and culture
- Flower designs for Mother's Day gifts

For more information and enrolment form please e-mail [adult.education@lvc.org](mailto:adult.education@lvc.org) or phone 891233 ext 303.

Margaret Kiddy

## Adult Education Sawston Workshops

WE always enjoy running our Saturday Workshops here at Sawston Village College. These workshops tend to attract people who want to dip their toe into a new hobby or skill, and even just chillax for the day.

Our next Saturday workshops are on the 11<sup>th</sup> March and they are:

- Creative writing – constructing a story
- Discover more about Cambridge
- Fill your freezer in one day!
- How to apply make-up
- Indian street food
- Indian head, neck and shoulder massage
- Patchwork and quilting – make a cushion
- Basic life support and AED (de fib) (certified)

You will find all our new and usual courses on our website [www.sawstonadulted.org](http://www.sawstonadulted.org) We are sure you will find something of interest.

If you wish to make a booking, you will find a booking form on our website or alternatively, please feel free to pop in to the main reception at Sawston Village College. The Adult Learning team is available Monday to Friday 9am – 1pm. Our contact details are 712424 or email [community@sawstonvc.org](mailto:community@sawstonvc.org)

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Adult Education Department



Jonathan Durham and cooking tutor Amanda Hoskins

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## A busy time at the Infant School



WELL, it's February already and at the time of writing it is a crisp, clear day. Are we going to get any snow this year?

2017 has got off to a flying start here. We have all been busy with our new topic of *Who's that trip trapping over my bridge?* The Year 1 and Year 2 children have been to Cambridge to travel along the River Cam on a barge and the Foundation Stage children have been investigating the river and bridges in Linton.

We have also had some visitors in school. Firstly, John Willis, who over the last year, participated in 34 Olympic and Paralympic sports. An amazing feat made all the more challenging given that he was born without fully formed limbs. John was here to promote the charity *Power2inspire* whose mission it is to promote a more inclusive society using the power of sport. The children were invited to come to school in their favourite sports kit in return for a small donation towards this charity. We also ran a week of Olympic Sports instead of our usual PE lessons.

We have also had a visit from Cambridge United who were again promoting sport and keeping active. They run many clubs for children over the school holiday period, not just football clubs but other sports such as fencing and archery.

Following last month when we were showing prospective new parents around the school, our Year 2 children have been visiting the Heights Junior School to start the transition process. Time marches on and it is never felt more than in the school environment, but do stop and take time to notice the signs that Spring is on its way. We are hoping to see the results of our bulb planting in the Peace Garden soon.

Kelly Harries, Headteacher



## Around the world

CHESTNUT Playgroup is well into 2017 already. We have spent the first few weeks back talking about our Christmas holidays and sharing stories about what Father Christmas brought us.

We are looking forward, this term, to looking at different traditions and cultures around the world. We will be kicking off by learning about Burns Night and Chinese New Year and will be using stories and art to learn about how these festivals are celebrated.

This term's project is based on the book *Handa's Surprise*. We will be learning all about different fruits and animals as we follow Handa on her journey to take fruit to her friend. Look out for a colourful display appearing in the Cathodeon Centre very soon.

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

Wendy Hine, Chestnut Playgroup




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# Readers write...

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## Yellow Lines in Green Lane

Dear Editor  
We in Green Lane and I’m sure those in the High Street are really pleased to have the re-done yellow lines.  
However, some people are still parking on the double yellow lines, particularly in Green Lane. One person has apparently said to an enquirer that the driver, “was just doing her shopping in the Co-Op”, the passenger didn’t go and get the driver. Another person has reported that a man who was parked on the double yellow lines and getting into his car said to that lady: “there was nowhere else to park and they don’t come round with tickets on Saturdays”. There were apparently plenty of spaces further down in Green Lane.  
Can we have naming and shaming with photos of the offending parking? Maybe this way, people will get the message.  
I write on behalf of all of us frustrated neighbours. If a fire engine had to reach any of the ancient timbered houses, they wouldn’t be able to get down Green Lane if people were parked on the double yellow lines and lives might be at risk.  
Name withheld

## Its those drains again

Dear Editor,  
I have just had Anglia Water out to the High Street/ Symonds Lane due to drain problems again. The problem with the ancient and not fit for purpose sewer system was caused this time by a blocked main sewer outside the Dog and Duck Pub.  
It appears the sewer is blocked full of cooking fat causing the drains to back up and local residents’ toilets and baths to back up. The sewer is not big enough and not fit for purpose without people dumping fat and rubbish into the system. Anglia Water will now have to work into the night to clear the problem due to some peoples’ selfish actions.  
Name withheld

## Road to nowhere?

Dear Editor  
On 19<sup>th</sup> January there was confusion in the High Street as someone decided to change the *No Entry* sign at the junction with Coles Lane. Cars were stopping at the junction wondering where to go? The police have been informed as it could cause an accident due to confusion.  
Steven Christmas



Looking down the High Street with Coles lane on the right  
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## Another accident on the 1307

Dear Editor  
I’ve been working on a petition regarding the dangers of the A1307 following the two most recent deaths. I am seeking as many signatures as possible in order to try and get something done about this.  
Obviously none of us know what exactly is required to improve it but this petition is about asking for change and to try and have a formal and urgent investigation of the road to make improvements as this road is the main route to Cambridge for residents of Linton and Haverhill (plus villages around and in between)  
I’m wondering if you would allow the link to the campaign to be added to the Linton news.  
I’ve posted the link below  
<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/a1307-urgent-one-of-uks-most-dangerous-roads-taken-too-many-precious-lives?source=twitter-share-button>  
Kate Wright  
*Editor’s comment : It may be prudent to wait until we know the cause of the accident.*

## OUR THANKS

*The family of the late Sally Gillon would like to thank all those who attended her funeral, sent flowers, cards or donations.  
Also thanks to H J Paintin and staff at Symonds House and The Crown for their care and help.*

## Gardeners Question Time

**FOR our Gardening Club meeting in January we had a panel of local experts to answer the varied questions put to them. The panel were Alan Bidwell from Beeches Nursery, Val Spencer, Peter Thomas and Judy Nightingale. Wendy Foster put the questions to the panel.**  
**Some of the questions asked were: What plants can I grow under my walnut tree to replace existing ivy? Will my new apple tree be pollinated from the crab apple trees nearby? Is it possible to pollard my oak tree which has grown too large?**  
**Answers to questions regarding growing strawberries, potatoes and raspberries were also given.**  
**Another member needed advice on making leaf mould. Some advice was given in answer to problems with pests. Slugs in particular, with beer traps, upturned empty grapefruit halves, or having a pond in the garden where the frogs would help keep the population down. Hedgehogs love snails and slugs so make sure they have a way into your garden.**  
**A very interesting and enjoyable evening was had by all and some good advice given by our panel.**  
**Next month our meeting will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February and our speaker for that evening will be Mike Day, who will be talking about *Vegetable Varieties Today*. We look forward to seeing members and visitors at the Village Hall at 7.30pm.**  
**Anita Daws, 892113, anitadaws@gmail.com**

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

<b>WEEKLY</b>	
Little stars SEN group, alternate Mondays 1.15-2.45pm	CC
Netball, Monday evenings, 6.30pm junior, 7.30pm adult	LVC
Linton Granta football bingo, 7pm Mondays	Pavilion
Men’s keep fit, 8-9.30pm Mondays	LVC sports centre
Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701)	
WEA, Tuesdays, 10am term-time	VH
Linton Air Cadets Mon and Thurs 7-9.30pm (07717801056)	LVC
Scrabble Club, 10am-12noon alternate Tuesdays	CP
Linton Granta playgrp, 9am-12noon Monday-Friday	LVC
Linton Granta Toddler grp, 9.30-11.30 Tuesdays term time	LVC
Linton Granta playgrp, 12.30-2.30pm Mon-Fri, NOT Tues	LVC
Storytime, 2-2.30pm Tuesdays, term-time	Library
Granta Bridge club, 2pm Tuesdays	VH
Granta duplicate bridge club, 2-4pm Tuesdays	VH
IT club-computer help, 7pm Tuesdays	CC
Linton chess club, 7.30pm Tuesdays (893509)	CC
Belleplate ringing, 7.45-9pm, Tuesdays (971057)	URC
Tots in tow, 9.30-11am Wednesdays term time only	VH
Jelly Beans playgroup, 9-11.30am Thursdays	URC
Doodle Dots under 25s, Thursdays 10-11.30am,	CC
New Beginnings (with Baby Sensory), 1.15-2.45pm, Thursdays	CC
Computer buddies, 2-4pm, Thursdays	Library
Cricket club, 6-8 pm Thursdays	RG, LVC
Carpet bowls, 7.30pm Thursdays	VH
Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, 9.15-10am Fridays	CP
Stay and Play, Fridays 10am – 11.30am	CC
St Mary’s church choir, 7-8.30pm, Fridays	CC
St Mary’s Bridgeclub, 7pm, Fridays	CC
For sports centre courses please call LVC sports centre on 890248	

<b>FEBRUARY 2017</b>	
4 Farmers’ Market, 9am	VH
6 Camera Club, 7pm	VH
7 <b>WI, 7.30pm</b>	<b>VH</b>
8 Communitynavigator, 10am to 12noon	HC
13 Whist Drive, 7.30pm	VH
14 VIP group, 2pm	Chalklands
14 <b>Gardening club, 7.30pm</b>	<b>VH</b>
15 Cambs Hearing Help, 9.30am to 12noon	HC
16 Linton Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm	CC
17 Daylight readers, 10.30am	Library
19 Walking group, 11am	Church Lane
19 Messy Church, 2.30pm	St Mary’s
21 <b>Historical Society, 7.30pm</b>	<b>VH</b>
23 <b>Children’s books - The stories that make us, 7pm</b>	<b>CC</b>
24 <b>Quiz and Chips, 7.30pm</b>	<b>LIS</b>

<b>MARCH 2017</b>	
1 Reading Group, 8pm	Upstairs VH
2 Luncheon Club, 12 noon	Old Red Lion, Horseheath
3 <b>Friends of LVC Quiz, 7.30pm</b>	<b>LVC</b>
4 Farmers’ Market, 9am	VH
6 Camera Club, 7pm	VH
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**KEY:** CC Cathodeon centre, CP church pavilion, D&D Dog and Duck, HC health centre, LH Linton Heights school, LIS Linton Infant school, LVC Linton village college, RG recreation ground, URC United Reformed church, VH village hall.  
**Library times:** Mon closed; Tue 10am-5pm; Wed 4pm-7pm; Thurs 2pm-5pm; Fri 10am-5pm; Sat 10am-1pm.  
Linton refuse collection: Mondays 13<sup>th</sup> and ??February  
Linton blue and green bin collection: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February  
Linton blue only collection: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
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## News from Cambridge Fire and Rescue Service

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In Cambridgeshire they make up 56 per cent of the workforce. An on-call fire fighter is not based at a fire station but carries a pager and responds to emergency incidents as and when they happen.

They receive an annual wage to reflect the time they commit to being available plus additional payments for attending incidents and drill nights which are usually one evening a week for two hours.

On-call fire fighters are men and women who may have other jobs but are able to provide evening, daytime or weekend cover. When they are on call they may be at home, working for themselves or for a nearby company. They could be out in their local community but staying within a five minute travel time of the fire station, and are generally located in rural communities, small towns or villages.

If you would like to become an on-call fire fighter, or to find out more, then please go to our website at [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk) and search for on call fire fighters under the careers section.

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## Denman College

**theWI** THE speaker was our Cambridge Federation Chairman, the very bubbly Sally Kingman, ably assisted by her daughter, Victoria, on the computer.

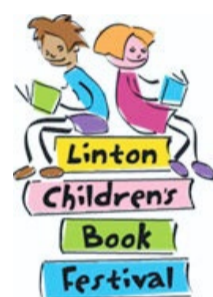
Denman is a stunning Georgian mansion in extensive grounds in the village of Marcham near Oxford, offering hundreds of day and residential courses on cookery, craft and lifestyle, to WI members (and non-members). Men are also welcome. Denman was bought by the NFWI in 1947 with money raised by members and the Carnegie Trust, and was opened in 1948 by Lady Denman. Furniture and soft furnishings were donated by the federations and today individual federations are responsible for the maintenance of a room.

In the early days it was a brave woman who went anywhere by herself and courses were based round housekeeping and cookery etc. Members were expected to help with the housekeeping and change the bedlinen for the next occupant.

Tutors over the years have included such celebrities as Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood. In the bar you only pay for your own drinks and the proceeds go towards cleaning the carpets. The teaching centre was opened in 1970 by Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. A famous mural made by Goldsmith's College is being painstakingly refurbished at the needlework archive and astonishingly, it was found on removing one of the pieces, that it was made of a part of a Weetabix packet. These and many more interesting facts too numerous to mention made for a fascinating meeting.

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on 7<sup>th</sup> February when Fiona Rose will give a talk on the life and work of William Morris. Visitors and new members welcome.

Sally Proberts, 891021



## Children's Books: the stories that shape us.

Do you remember a favourite book from childhood? Chances are you recall its story or pictures, or how it made you feel, more clearly than any book you read last week. Fact or fiction, gritty realism or escapist fantasy, the books we read as children have extra ordinary powers to entertain, enlighten, comfort or inspire, and they influence us for life.

In a special one-off event, Linton Children's Book Festival is teaming up with the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) to present a panel discussion on why children's books matter more than ever in our fast changing world. Panelists so far confirmed include Helen Moss, *Adventure Island and Secrets series*; librarian and new author James Nicol, *The Apprentice Witch*; and popular children's non-fiction writer

Isobel Thomas, *Self-destructing Science, The Misadventures of Charles Darwin* and many more. The event will be chaired by YA author Candy Gourlay, *Tall Story and Shine*. We will be inviting questions from the audience, so if there is anything you've always wanted to know about writing for children this is your chance to ask.

Although the event is mainly for adults, interested older children are welcome to attend. The session will close with an opportunity to buy books and have them signed.

Join us in the Cathodeon Centre (entrance at the back of the library) on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7pm. Free entry, but donations to help cover the costs would be appreciated.

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## The Cambridgeshire Bobby Scheme



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THE Bobby Scheme was established in 2001 by Cambridgeshire Police Shrievally Trust to make older, vulnerable people and domestic abuse victims feel safer in their own homes by improving their home security and reducing crime and the fear of crime.

Two Bobby security advisors visit victims over 60 years and domestic abuse victims. They fit security devices such as door chains, window alarms, locks etc, as well as offering advice to give them confidence and reassurance and help reduce their fear of crime. They also visit older, vulnerable and disabled people to reduce the chance of them becoming victims, reduce their fear of crime and provide peace of mind.

Key safes can be fitted, allowing carers to gain access to residents who wish to stay in their own homes and live independently. We also work in partnership with the Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service and carry out a home fire safety check at every visit and fit smoke alarms where necessary. The service we offer to victims is free of charge and the benefits are invaluable. Crime and fear of crime can have a devastating negative impact.

The Bobby Scheme responds very quickly to re-

ferrals. From the feedback received, beneficiaries feel much safer, confident and reassured. Our repeat victimisation rate is less than 1%. As a small charity we are continually seeking funding to support the work we do.

Last year we helped over 1400 residents across the county, more than half lived alone and many were over the age of 80. Without donations and other external funding our work cannot continue. It costs the charity on average £130 to work at each home (for non -victims we ask for a minimum donation of £30 if possible).

We would also be happy to come along and give talks to local groups. If you know of anyone who would benefit from a visit by the Bobby Scheme, please call our office on 07866 602100 or 01480 413311.

## PLODDING ALONG An update on police matters

ON the night of Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December (yes really!) a garage was broken into in Balsham Road and three cycles stolen.

Overnight between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> January a van was broken into in Chalklands. Power tools were stolen.

Between 7 pm on 16<sup>th</sup> and 7 am on 17<sup>th</sup> January the catalytic convertor was cut and stolen from the rear of a vehicle in Kingfisher Walk. CF0029170117 refers.

Between 5.30 and 5.55pm on 19<sup>th</sup> January unknown offender(s) forced a garage door at Kingfisher Walk and entered - nothing was taken at this time. CF0032610117 refers.

Between 6.15pm and 6.25pm on 19<sup>th</sup> January two males parked up next to a National Grid van in Palmers Close, and stole two drills from it before being disturbed. CF0032750117 refers.

If anyone has any information regarding these crimes, saw anyone acting suspiciously around the times or saw anyone acting suspiciously prior to the crimes, please either reply to this e-cops, call 101 and quote the crime number or alternatively you can call crime stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

PCSO Chris Wiseman, Sawston police station.

## International Women's Day

THE Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is working with Cambridgeshire Constabulary to create an event for International Women's Day which is on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

The theme of the event will be around bringing communities together with a particular focus on keeping you and your community safe.

The event will be designed around what women tell us are the issues of greatest concern to them and that they would like to learn more about.

Therefore, we are asking individuals and women's groups across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to get in touch and let us know what issues affect you and your local community. What information would empower you to make a change and what areas would you like more information about to increase your understanding of these issues and what you could help do to resolve them.

Themes could include domestic abuse, cyber security, safeguarding children and adults, inequality and community cohesion.

We want as many communities as possible from all walks of life to get involved in not only helping us plan the event but to encourage as many women as possible to attend.

If you have any suggestions or would like to be a part of the event, please contact my Engagement Officer, Sarah Morgan on [sarah.morgan@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:sarah.morgan@cambs.pnn.police.uk)

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## LINTON COUNTRY MATTERS

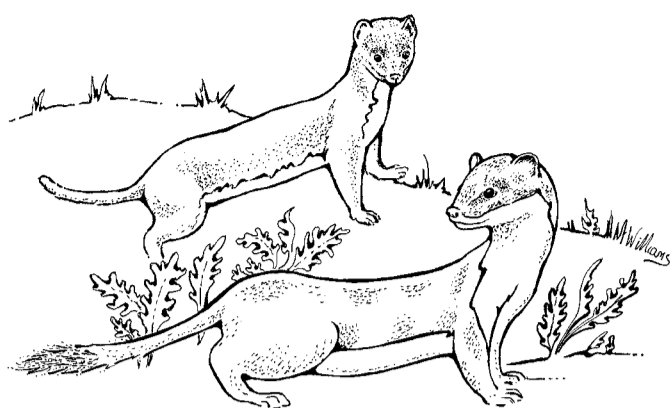
Text by Oriel O'Loughlin and illustrated by Maureen Williams



### Weasels and stoats

IN the *Wind in the Willows*, weasels and stoats are the bad-dies in the Wild Wood, and it is easy to see why. I was inspired to write this by seeing a stoat attack a rabbit just ahead of us on a footpath. It was a brutal business. Since then I have learned the following:

Weasels, *mustelida nivalis*, are the smaller reaching up to 23cm with a shorter tail. They are orange-brown with a white throat and belly. They are our smallest carnivore, eating voles, mice, birds, eggs and the occasional young rabbit. The males are larger than the females, but both have an elongated body, making them lose heat very quickly. This means they have to eat constantly, and when they kill they store any excess for later. They can breed



very quickly, the only mammal to breed in their first summer, and have a life span of 10 years.

Stoats, *mustelida erminea*, are larger up to 30 cm, having a longer neck and a longer tail with a distinctive black tip. They are also orange-brown with a white throat and belly,

but in the north and in colder areas they turn white in winter, known as 'in ermine'. Their main food is rabbits and they are fierce predators, travelling up to 20mph while hunting. They have a life span of only three years. A significant difference in breeding is that

the female stoat has delayed implantation into the uterus of 280 days, but a gestation period of maximum 28 days.

Neither species is endangered, with around 450,000 of each in the UK. Foxes, cats and birds of prey try to kill them, but they put up fierce resistance. While hunting their own prey, they can chase up trees and into water, go down burrows, and they kill with a bite to the back of the neck of the poor victim. They are notorious for raids on chicken runs and game birds, especially at dawn and dusk, and are thus persecuted by gamekeepers.

So when you hear the old saying that "weasels are weasily recognised but stoats are stoatally different", it is not true.

## Aladdin raises money for EACH\*

GREAT show was the general feeling after watching Aladdin in December, performed by a local cast and an ensemble of talented young dancers: Chloe Hill (Sawston), Jessica Logan and Larna Parsons (Haverhill) and Thomas and Rose Hind (Royston).



The cast showing off the fundraising cheque  
Picture by Nick Rowe

Linton's Lorenzo Zambrana (16), playwright and director, was hilarious as Widow Twankey, with lots of banter and ad-libbing. Deana Pittway (Chittering), choreographer and Aladdin, had great acting and singing skills, as did the talented Imogen Annett (Linton) as the sarcastic Slave of the Ring. Richie Blackmore (Shudy Camps), as Abanazar, successfully raised plenty of boos and hisses, and Sarah Rycarte, (Linton), was the comical Empress with a fascinating laugh. Inna Bridle (Haverhill) was Princess Jasmine with sweet looks and voice and Gillian Blackmore (Shudy Camps) made a great whistle blowing PC Pong. There was role reversal with Tracey Zambrana (Producer) as Twankey's funny and hapless son, Wishee Washee, to her own son Lorenzo.

Emma Jones (Abington) made a fantastic stage manager. The light and sound techies, so professional, were Linton Village College students: Torin Reedman, Harvey Stewart, James Gant, Oliver Albane and past pupil Arran Reedman.

The proceeds from the performances, raffles and buckets raised £862, which Sophie Baker, Community Fundraiser for East Anglia's Children's Hospices, collected at Sunday's performance.

Thank you to everyone who helped out (especially Joyce Roberts, Doreen Taylor, Alan O'Dell, Plumridges and LVC Friends bar) and sponsors: The Old Red Lion (Horseheath), Lizzie's Health & Beauty, Dog & Duck, and Westlakes Painting and Decorating and everyone who supported the event.

Tracey Zambrana Roberts

\* East Anglia Children's Hospices

## Hildersham News

### Macmillan Mammoth Quiz

HILDERSHAM is joining in with this, the world's biggest simultaneous quiz, raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

It is on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February in Hildersham Village Hall, doors open at 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start. Everyone is welcome – individuals or teams of up to eight people.

Tickets cost £8, which includes a hot supper. Please bring your own drinks and we'll provide glasses.

To book your place, or for further information, contact Jill on 893596, edheale@btinternet.com

### Fairtrade Fortnight

THIS begins on 27<sup>th</sup> February.

*It's Teatime* on 2<sup>nd</sup> March will take part in the national *Big Brew* to support Fairtrade with Traidcraft produce available for sale.

### Hildersham Jam Stall

IN December, a further donation of £221 was made to EACH, making a grand total of £453 donated in 2016. We are most grateful to everyone for their continuing support – thank you.

Jill Heale and Cathy Myer, 892848

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## POT POURRI 142

### What 'g' force did Father Christmas experience?

Father Christmas had forgotten to deliver a present. He must arrive there by the end of the BBC time pips. He started out exactly at the beginning of the pips and covered a distance of 100km. How many times the 'g' force did he and the reindeers experience along with the final velocity?

NB. As Father Christmas abides in Lapland – he does not understand imperial measurements.

**Solution to 141 - What did we spend?**

a = 4, b = 8 and c = 16

Urania

Apologies: This PP should have been published in the January issue of the Linton News

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### St John's Players, Fulbourn

ST JOHN'S PLAYERS are a long established amateur theatre group, formed in 1947. The group stages three major productions a year including comedies, thrillers and costume dramas.

Our next production is *The Railway Children*, at The Fulbourn Centre, CB21 5BS with shows at 7.30pm on 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February inclusive and a matinee at 2.30pm on the 18<sup>th</sup>. It's a fabulous cast and our group's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year - we'd love to welcome people from surrounding villages. Tickets are available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/stjohns-players](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/stjohns-players).

Helen Leedham  
[helenclaireleedham@gmail.com](mailto:helenclaireleedham@gmail.com)

### Quiz and chips night

LINTON Infant School PTFA is holding a quiz at 7.30pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February in the school hall.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and order forms are available at the school office until the deadline of 10<sup>th</sup> February. The cost is £8.50 pp including a meal of your choice and there will be a licensed bar.

Teams can be made up of up to eight people and may be gathered together on the night.

The PTFA is a registered charity number 116790.

### Leave the winter blues behind

CAMBRIDGE Past, Present and Future (CambridgePPF) is running its Walking for Health sociable walks at Wandlebury on the 9<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> February from 10am or 10.30am until 11am. Meet at the Stable Rooms at 10am for a longer walk or 10.30am for a shorter stroll. The walks end at around 11am with tea and coffee in the Stable Rooms.

All are welcome, suitable for all different abilities.

NB: Free of charge and no need to book, but please arrive 10 minutes early to register if it's your first time. Donations towards the upkeep of the park are always welcome.

For more information: email [bookings@cambridgeppf.org](mailto:bookings@cambridgeppf.org), call 01223 243830 extension 207 or visit [www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on](http://www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on)

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## The Marsh mail



EXTRA-curricular opportunities are a key strand of schooling. There is a reason why this element of our provision is entitled 'Enrichment' at LVC; such experiences are truly enriching for students' learning and their wider, formative education.

I'm sure that most adults can fondly recall trips from their own school days. My highlights include a French exchange, aged 11, and the increased independence and cultural exposure that the trip to Lille involved. International, far-flung adventures and local excursions certainly have the ability to enhance, extend and enrich children's learning.

At LVC, students have a plentiful enrichment offer. This term, students have benefited from enterprise, careers and science trips including a visit to Dalehead Foods and Oxford University.

This month we wish our GCSE French students 'Bon voyage' as they embark on a week's immersive stay at a Château. Meanwhile, plans for our annual Enrichment Week are underway with almost every Year 9 student signed up for a residential trip to Derbyshire, Paris or Lanzarote, and significant fundraising is taking place for our Camps International trip to Cambodia in the summer.

Enrichment opportunities such as these offer students the chance to develop relationships and a raft of personal skills as well as memories (confidence, endurance, risk-taking and responsibility to name but a few). They also have the potential to be transformative opportunities: to spark a passion or interest that might have remained untapped in the parameters of a regular classroom.

Staff invest time and energy above and beyond their regular duties to organise and supervise school trips, often giving up their evenings, weekends and holidays, because they recognise their value and importance.

As a comprehensive state school, we want all of our students to benefit from enriching learning opportunities. While our trips vary in terms of budget, money can ultimately be a barrier for a number of families.

LVC's Trust Fund enables voluntary contributions from parents, the school's alumni and members of the community to provide financial subsidy for families that would otherwise struggle to afford extra-curricular activities. Anyone wishing to donate to the Trust Fund can contact [jackie.bailey@lvc.org](mailto:jackie.bailey@lvc.org) at the college.

Helena Marsh  
Executive Principal

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**S/3304/16/LD**, Mr & Mrs A Symonds, **21 Emsons Close**. Lawful development certificate for proposed first floor dormer window.  
**S/3422/16/DC**, Mr Richard Garrad, **4 Beech Way**. Discharge of Condition 4 (Tree Protection) of planning consent S/2387/16/FL for New Double Garage & Relocation of Driveway.

**S/3427/16/NM**, Mr & Mrs Russell Catley, **13 Granta Vale**. Alterations to elevations "finishes" on the north east, north west and south elevations to painted render and weatherboard.

**S/3472/16/FL**, Mr Tucker & Mr Thomas, **5A Balsham Road**. Alterations to post office to form two bedroom flat.

**S/3494/16/LD**, Katarina Wolter, **13 Parsonage Way**. Lawful development certificate for proposed rear single storey extension and loft conversion.

**S/3615/16/OL**, Mr Mitchell & Mr Millard, **26 Cambridge Road**. Outline planning permission for the construction of 1 No. dwelling and associated works with all matters reserved.

**S/0016/17/FL**, Mr & Mrs D Newble, **Little Chilfords, Back Road**. Extensions and alterations to Little Chilfords, demolition of existing garage and construction of new double garage and store, proposed new access, change of use to land to south and east of site from agricultural to domestic garden and proposed portal frame barn within paddock.

**S/0022/17/FL**, Mr & Ms Perucchini & Hams, **13 Rivey Way**. Proposed loft conversion and installation of external aluminium flue for log burning stove.

**S/0054/17/FL**, Mr & Mrs Trevor Howard, **32 The Grip**. Two storey rear extension.

## Historical Society

IN December Fran Saltmarsh gave an entertaining talk about the history of underwear, and contortion in the name of fashion.

In the 12<sup>th</sup> century flowing robes over a simple shift were held in place by a outer body belt. For 14<sup>th</sup> century women this became a more substantial undergarment. Men's robes shortened so tights and a cod-piece were required.

Tudor ladies would don an iron corset or alternatively a laced corset known as a pair of bodies, stiffened with a wooden panel. Farthingales held up the voluminous skirts.

A tightly laced and stayed corset which enhanced the bust was essential for the Georgian lady. Worn from childhood, a corset protected a woman from being labelled *loose*. Hanging panniers from the waist produced very wide skirts.

In Regency times, the clinging material of softer empire-line dresses demanded pantalolettes to mask the shape of ladies' legs. In contrast, fashionable *dandies* used padding and tightly laced corsets to enhance their figures.

Victorian women favoured flat chests and large skirts. The metal hooped crinoline was eventually replaced by the more manageable bustle.

The S-shaped Gibson girl look of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century gave way to more comfortable clothing as more women worked during the war. Lightweight bras were developed and later elasticated materials and zips made corsetry more user friendly.

Fran displayed some of her collection of exquisitely sewn undergarments.

In January, Quintus Benziger gave us a very entertaining talk and demonstration of how various musical instruments developed over the centuries.

He was also very interested to hear why people stopped learning to play, suggesting that lack of privacy in modern homes was often to blame.

Andrew Westwood Bate will give a talk on *Life under the ocean wave - a history of submarines*, at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, in Linton Village Hall. All are welcome.

Pat Faircloth, 893928



## The Way We Were

By Garth Collard

### Ram House in the High Street



After numbering in the 1920's this became 100 High Street  
Picture from Garth's collection

THE first reference to this site is in maps of 1454 and 1600 when the whole area was a large orchard. In 1633 there was a large house divided into two dwellings. The side nearest Green Lane is of 17<sup>th</sup> century construction and the rest of the house was built in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. There is a beautiful round headed window in the 18<sup>th</sup> century building with a carved ram figure above the keystone. So in the 1920s before there were house numbers it was locally known as Ram House.

The earliest owner and occupant was James Jevis, a carpenter and currier - a producer of dressed and coloured tanned leather. Linton's main trade after agriculture was tanning leather. By 1704 the house was divided in two, one part was a dissenters' school house, a Dame school, conducted by widow Maye. The other part was an inn called *The Marlboro* owned by Mr Malyn. By the 1830s the Inn's name was changed to the *Ship Inn*.

In 1740 the school house and inn were both closed although the main house remained divided. In one half was George Nichols, a currier and timber merchant and in the other half William Jackson a carpenter and wheelwright. When Audley End house was rebuilt in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, he was listed as one of the workmen involved.

In 1784 the whole house was purchased by Matthew Cockley, a timber and brandy merchant. The house then had five bedrooms and five garrets as well as a large rear garden and outbuildings. For most of the 18<sup>th</sup> century and the early 19<sup>th</sup> century there were again two occupants.

The Nichols family continued as curriers and William Biggs traded as a blacksmith and carpenter. He became well known in the county for building an iron bridge in St Ives and in Linton he constructed a large gallery in the church, spanning most of the north aisle and part of the nave. This schoolchildren's gallery was demolished in the 1870s. His household was plunged into despair in 1825 when his wife Elizabeth, returning from Saffron Walden market in her gig collided with a large wagon and was thrown out and crushed under the wheels. Her two children were uninjured. William was left to bring up seven children.

By 1870 the complete house was bought by John Kidman who let it to Alfred Nunn in 1896. Alfred was a carrier and skilled carpenter who delivered goods to Cambridge on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

At the beginning of World War I two of his sons, William and Alex volunteered and fought in France. In October 1917 the household was deeply

shocked when news arrived that William had been killed. In May 1918 joy returned to the house when Alex was married having been given 10 days leave from the front.

Apprehension returned when in October 1918 Alex was reported as missing - exactly a year after his brother, William, had died. Then a few weeks later a letter arrived from the German POW camp at Kassel which had been sent by Alex who had been wounded by four bullets in the foot, thigh, right arm and shoulder but had recovered thanks to German doctors.

He wrote that he was now in good health and returned to Linton in 1919. He worked in Holttums store because Richard Holttum, before the war, had pledged to re-employ any man who joined up.

William Nunn bought Ram House in 1919 for £195. After the death of Alex's parents in 1948 the house was sold to the Mitchell family. Ram House was bought by Dr and Mrs A McKenna.

## Healthwatch Cambridgeshire

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group have launched a consultation into a proposal to move the 'out of hours' base in Cambridge from Chesterton to clinic 9 at Addenbrooke's hospital**

**The CCG believe that this will make the out of hours service more effective. Patients can be easily redirected from the Emergency Department to the out of hours service, if they**

**don't need emergency care.**

**The public consultation will run from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January until Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March. We will add details to our website as soon as possible.**

**For more opportunities to get involved, from surveys to patient representative roles, visit the Your Voice page on our website**

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# Parish Council Matters

## Public footpaths

### - application to divert

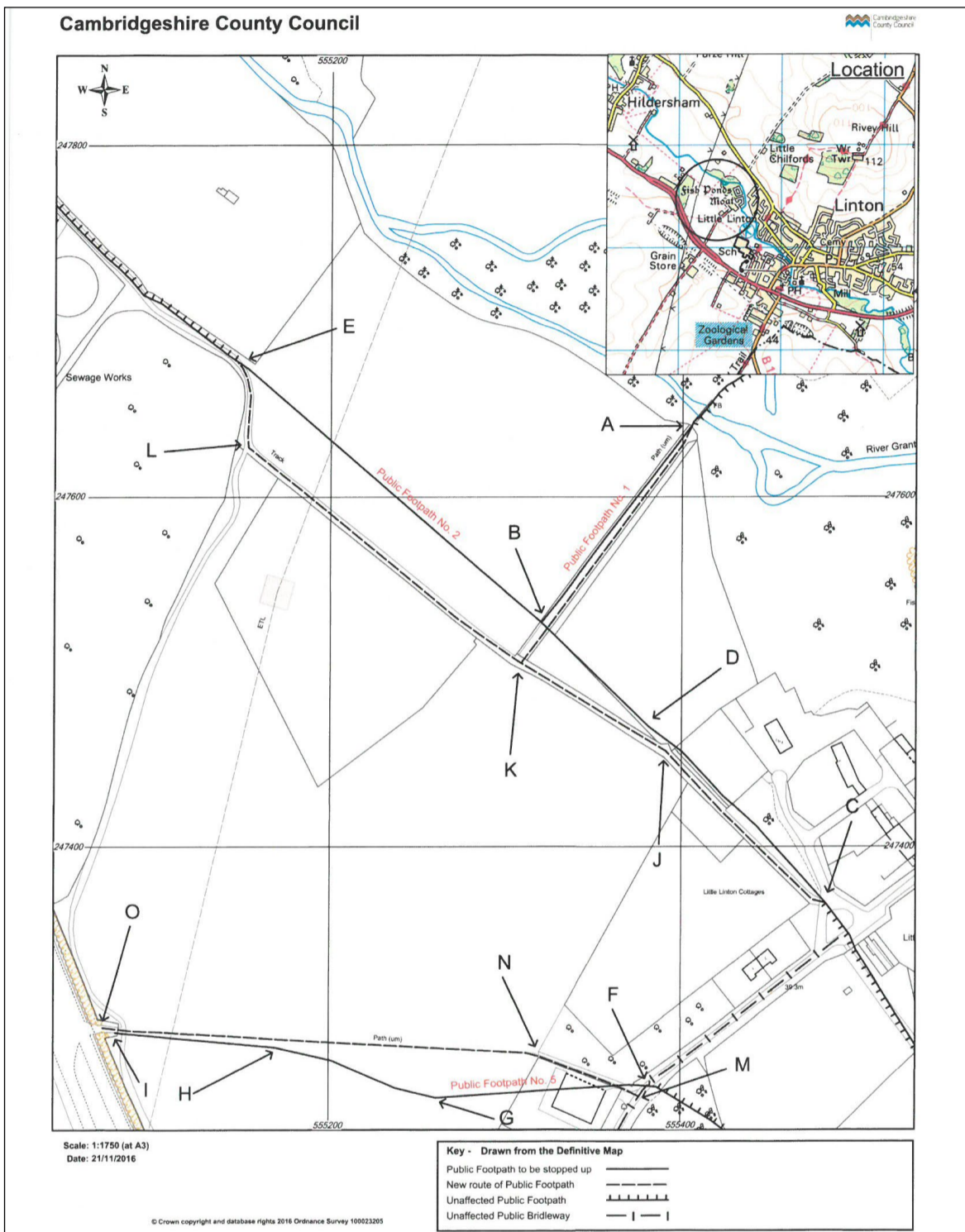
CAMBRIDGESHIRE county council (CCC) received an application to divert three footpaths in Little Linton. If you look at the proposal on the map below it is a change that reflects the reality of where people actually walk. One of the existing paths shown goes through a building so confirming this path around the side of the building does make sense.

Footpath 1 is currently A to B. This would become A to K.

Footpath 2 is C-D-B-E and would become C-J-K-L-E. Footpath 5 is currently F-G-H-I (through the building!) and would become M-N-O.

The parish council had to make any representations by 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017. As it seemed a logical proposal there did not seem any reason to object.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi



## What came through your letterbox ... ?

THERE has been a flurry of activity over planning applications and amendments, so Linton parish council's planning committee members have been busy over the holidays analysing these and considering responses.

A decision has been made on 1 Horseheath Road, where Borley House now stands. Permission has been given to build seven houses. The original application was for nine houses, so it is a small victory to have this reduction - greatly helped by the presentation of a neighbour. Your input does matter.

The parish council call-in to the Secretary of State on the Bartlow Road application failed, as did my own, but we are well aware that the environmental impact was not fully considered. We can return to that, as housing here impacts upon our floodplain, and might affect our flood amelioration work.

The development planned at Horseheath Road (reference S/2553/16/OL) will be heard soon, but reports and amendments are still arriving for comment and further work. Please check the website and continue to send your comments to South Cambridgeshire district council.

The parish council opposes the recent application on Cambridge Road, not because we do not want to see the old garage site used, but because this design for 10 flats is not appropriate and will have an unacceptable impact on the area, its traffic and neighbours. Time to talk to the developer - we try to do this but they are not always keen to talk to us!

Meanwhile, alongside the cards, did you notice a brochure from Gladman, which proposes a development of 95 houses along Back Road? There will be more on this when the parish council receives the application; I expect public participation on that will be lively ... send comments, copying in the parish council, please.

Just in case we seem rude, councillors are not allowed to comment on an application until the planning committee has made its recommendation - but we will listen!

Cllr Enid Bald

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton parish council (LPC/PC) meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

**Present:** Cllr Paul Poulter (chair); Cllr Brian Manley (vice-chair); Cllr Enid Bald; Cllr Amy Smith; Cllr Dr Beatrice Ward; Cllr David Champion; Cllr Dr Brian Cox; Cllr Graham Potter; Cllr Simon Hill; Cllr Merrie Mannassi. Clerk; Ms Kathryn Wiseman. District councillors: Cllr Henry Batchelor and Cllr John Batchelor. Members of the public; four.

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Alison Walker. County councillor Roger Hickford.

**Councillors' declarations of interest:** Cllr Poulter declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Horseheath Road planning item. Cllr Champion and Cllr Mannassi declared a non-pecuniary interest in the S106 update item.

**Councillor vacancies:** There are currently four vacancies within the PC.

**Open forum for public participation:** A resident raised concerns relating to the recent planning applications and how the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) could have affected these, had it been in place. He expressed concern relating to the possible Back Road development, the developers are known to be notoriously aggressive and some of the best in the country, and asked the question as to whether the NP would be in place prior to receipt of the outline application. Cllr Poulter advised that the NP will not be in place by January 2017, however it will be at the stage of public consultation which is when the NP will start to carry weight. Cllr Poulter noted that the NP is working within a progression level well within the national average timeframe and expressed the importance that it is not just completed quickly but correctly as it needs to be robust. Cllr Poulter advised that other members of the council are welcome to get involved with the NP should they wish.

**Clerks report:** S106 update. The clerk presented the council with the information that the South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) S106 officer had advised - that although LPC will receive S106 funds, should the Horseheath Road application be accepted, the funds would not be enough to meet all the S106 fund request projects LPC submitted. It had been posed by SCDC that LPC decide if they wish to focus the S106 money on a new building for the community or as to whether they would chose to improve the current facilities and amenities as they are unable to do both with the funds that are likely to be secured. Cllr Poulter raised concerns that a new community building would be a large project where the funding proposed would not fully cover, leading to a shortfall to be made up from the council. It was also noted by Cllr Poulter that LPC has limited resources and at this point in time, it does not have the capacity to project manage a task such as this. Cllr Mannassi advised that she felt that the new building would be easier to design and work on than the current amenities as much of the work required at the village hall may be structural. It was also raised by Cllr Mannassi that the estimated costs for the village hall seemed exceptionally low. It was put to a vote. Five votes for a new building and five votes for the current facilities equated to a hung vote. The chairman's vote decided. The chairman voted for existing facilities and amenities to be the focus of the S106 funding received. Agreed.

**Planning matters:** Planning application S/3076/16/FL, 20 Cambridge Road. The demolition of an existing sales/workshop building and the construction of a three storey apartment development, containing 10 self-contained two and three bedroom units. The provision of landscaped parking areas and amenity spaces, with dedicated cycle and bin storage. The planning committee has chosen to object to this application. Put to a vote, nine supported, one abstained. Agreed.

Update on planning application S/1963/15/OL, Bartlow Road. Members of the public had chosen to call-in this application with the Secretary of State. LPC has just been advised that the decision was made not to call this in, however the response from the Secretary of State advised there were some issues of concern with SCDC's decision making process. A letter to the monitoring officer has been recommended by the district councillors. The district

councillors also advised this will not change the previous decisions, however, it may create a new precedent for the processes used with new applications.

Update on planning application S/2553/16/OL, Horseheath Road. District councillor Henry Batchelor advised that a meeting had been held between the heads of school, the district and the county council relating to the planning applications and the S106 funds request from the schools. He noted that at this point Cambridgeshire county council (CCC) has advised that their hands are tied, both on the qualitative and quantitative basis. However, it was advised that if the three schools come together and present a project then CCC would consider this as something to process under S106 funds. District councillor Henry Batchelor continued that CCC has noted that they are aware that the national formula is outdated and been outmoded by current legislation, however, the DFA legal mandate to CCC means that until they are challenged they will continue to use this formula. Cllr Bald advised that she had written to Lucy Frazer, MP, relating to this issue and she has advised of her support.

South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) Local Plan update: There was a meeting two weeks ago regarding a patch of land on the A1307 that a landowner is trying to sell for development. SCDC are trying to state that this should not be residential but should remain as industrial property and land only. The landowner is trying to get this overturned which means that this will now be passed to the inspector to make a final decision. A confirmed outcome is not expected until the end of 2017.

**District and County councillors' reports & business:** District councillors' report. Noted. Cllr John Batchelor advised that Devolution is the current topic and the election of the mayor will be in May. With regards to the housing supply target, phase two of Northstowe has been agreed. This is for 3,500 houses which should significantly help to reach the area target, however it must be remembered that these properties will only count towards the target once the building commences. It has been advised that the first 950 houses are to be built within five years.

County councillor's report. Noted.

The district councillors John and Henry Batchelor left the meeting following this item.

**Update on the Beacon Youth Trust:** Report from youth worker Lee Nash. Noted.

**Consideration of correspondence received:** Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) regarding transfer of membership. Noted.

Resident regarding ownership of land in Stantons Lane (A1307 side) for tree works. The tree warden advised this has been addressed, the hedges have a pollard point which suggest they have been cut previously. The resident was advised to remove the ivy and request in writing from CCC that it does not hold responsibility for these hedges and they are in fact the resident's property. Once this has been obtained the resident will be free to act accordingly. Agreed.

CCC regarding meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 to discuss the City Deal A1307 scheme: Cllrs Bald, Poulter and Ward to attend.

The Pensions Regulator regarding declaration of compliance on pensions: As the staging date has passed there is an official postponement until the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017. Following this date all pensions must be set up and once this is done then LPC can complete a questionnaire for auto enrolment. Any pensions offered going forward may have to be the local government scheme as a member of staff is already a member of this. Postponed.

CCC regarding HGV Covenant: Agreed.

St Mary's Church PCC regarding the collapsed section of churchyard wall near to the church tower and tree implications: Council advises that the tree should be left to allow for growth and the wall should be rebuilt allowing for the path of the tree. The budget is ok and the money has been approved for the project. Accepted diocese recommendation. Cllr Ward proposed, Cllr Cox seconded. All agreed.

CCC regarding diversion of Linton public footpaths 1, 2 and 5: Negotiate to improve a circular route round there. Delegated to Cllrs Bald, Mannassi and Ward along with co-opted members of the public Judy Rossiter and Jan Bumstead.

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

Cambridgeshire county council - two news items Gritting Street lighting

COUNTY councillors agreed at full council, on 13<sup>th</sup> December, to increase the percentage of roads, cycleways and paths treated from 30% back to 44%, ie to reinstate the 2015/16 gritting routes.

Since the decision the highway service, in partnership with Skanska, has been working hard to organise this change and below is an update on progress.

It is currently progressing well with increasing driver numbers. As drivers are signed onto the rota they are immediately put through the mandatory winter training and this will continue until we reach the required number of drivers. We have therefore been rolling out the reinstatement of the routes in a phased approach, district

by district. The order of the rollout is based solely on the availability and readiness of the drivers to commence the new routes.

Routes across Huntingdonshire were fully reinstated as of 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

Routes across Fenland and East Cambridgeshire were fully reinstated as of midday on 6<sup>th</sup> January.

We continued to recruit and train drivers for Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire. These routes were fully reinstated as of evening on 13<sup>th</sup> January.

Please see our updated gritting webpages and associated map online at: <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/gritting>

CCC

FOLLOWING the decision taken by Cambridgeshire county council (CCC) full council on 13<sup>th</sup> December to overturn the policy to switch off street lighting across the county between 2am and 6am and dim by 60% at all other times, it is now confirmed that all the changes have been made by Bal-



four Beatty and the former settings of the 33,500 CCC lights affected have been restored.

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